

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:30 am

Prayers and songs in unison and people's responses are in **bold type**.

* Indicates to stand, if you are able

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation.

May we seek reconciliation and may all live in peace and harmony on this land.

THE CHRIST CANDLE

May the light of Christ symbolized by this candle shine upon us and in us.

May the light we share brighten the world.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

In lighting this rainbow candle we proclaim that all people are worthy of dignity, safety and a place at the table.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

***GATHERING SONG MV 62 “There Is Room for All”**

*There is room for all in the shadow
of God’s wing; there is room for all,
sheltered in God’s love. And I rejoice and sing,
“My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.”
There is room for all, there is room for all. (2X)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

On October 31, All Hallows Eve, in the year 1517
an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther, nailed
95 theses or propositions for debate to the door
of the castle church in the German town of
Wittenberg. This was the first tremor of the
earthquake that became the Protestant
Reformation.

**All these centuries later, we are still children
of the Reformation, living by faith, listening to
the Scriptures for the true word of God, always
in need of reformation from one generation
to the next.**

***OPENING HYMN VU 262 “A Mighty Fortress...”**

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, we cannot help but be aware
of how strange is this thing that we do now
as we gather to spend time in worship.
Most of the people whom we know
are going about their business
with no thought to prayer or praise.
Although some might say that they have faith,
they feel no need to join us or any faith
community.**

There are times when we wonder
if there is any point in continuing.
Perhaps it would be easier to allow ourselves
to fall into the embrace of the majority.
Even so, we have gathered this day
and we wait for you to come and sit with us—
to teach us, to challenge us, to inspire us,
to heal us.
May we be renewed in our determination
to be your people, bearing witness
to your love for us and for all the world.
We pray in the name of Jesus
who came to live with us, to die for us,
and to open for us the gates of eternity.
Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Feel the Spirit – Arr. Schram

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful One,
forgive us for all the times
when we have seen the faults
of family members, of friends,
of co-workers, of people we scarcely know,
and have been blind to our own sins.
Forgive us all for all the times
when we have tried to feel good
about ourselves at the expense of others.
Forgive us for all the times
when we have said “sorry”
and then kept on doing what we
have apologized for.
Give us the grace of true repentance;

help us turn from our destructive ways
and follow the path of healing
opened for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON: *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Words of Assurance:

It is a faithful saying and worthy of all
acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners. Trusting in God's
great mercy, let us live as forgiven and
forgiving people.

Thanks be to God

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:23-32 **Reader:**
Melanie Walsh-Fraser
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65 VU P. 782

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 **Reader:**
Melanie Walsh-Fraser
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 18:9-14
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: So, Two Guys Go to the Temple to Pray...

***HYMN VU 508** “Just as I Am”

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN** Tune 330 Duke Street

***All perfect gifts are from above,
flowing from God to bless our lives.
So now, we give with grateful hearts
to thank and praise and honour God.***

(Based on James 1:17, adapted by John Moses)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We thank you, God,
for the privilege of sharing in the work
you are trying to do in this world.
May our gifts help sustain
the proclamation of the good news
and the sharing of Christ's love.
In that holy name we pray. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 716** “My Life Flows On”

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 424**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us” (v.1)

***1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,***

*working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

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Announcements

Trinity-Clifton Vision Statement: *We are a joyful, welcoming, inclusive Christ-centered community of faith, reaching out to others, providing a safe space where we respect differences. We learn from the past and dare to change.*

The Bulletin today is in memory of Rosella H. Taylor from Mark & Sandra Richardson and Family.

Wishing a Happy 90th Birthday to Norman Carruthers whose milestone birthday was yesterday, October 25th.

Next Chair Yoga with Melanie Fraser is tomorrow, October 27th – in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Noon hour Bible Study will be held this Tuesday, October 28th. All are welcome. We will be continuing our study of the Book of Genesis.

Christmas Fair Planning Meeting, Tomorrow , October 27th – 3 p.m. – all are welcome!

The Outreach & Service Committee is collecting winter coats for Outreach Centre. Please drop off any gently used coats at the Church Office.

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser for Upper Room Food Bank Saturday, December 6 Pick Up at Sydney St. Entrance 4:30-4:30 pm Menu: roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce turnip, peas, carrots. Cake for dessert Tickets \$20, on sale beginning Monday, October 27 phone: 902-892-4114 email: trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com All proceeds will go to the Upper Room Food Bank

Christmas Fair Craft Sessions: All are welcome!

November 4th – Tuesday – 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

November 6th, Thursday – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please note there will be more dates and times added, when we start working with greenery.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Join Us for the Anniversary Service next Sunday, November 2nd when we are joined by the congregations from Spring Park and Park Royal United Churches. A Trinity crew will be gathering in the Gym to make sandwiches, and the other churches are providing sweets.

Greeters for the month of October: Carol Chandler, Don Scott, Jeanette Scott, Clara MacLeod (3 Sundays), Marvin will fill in for the other one.

Those celebrating a birthday this coming week Helena Neale (Oct. 31st), Dalphene Toombs & Doreen Daley (Nov. 1st).

Scripture Readings November 2, 2025
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 or Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalm 119:137-144 or Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19: 1-10

The Property Committee offers a sincere THANK YOU to the people who answered an appeal and made monetary contributions towards the new windows in the upper and main level of the Trinity Community Centre. The total contributions paid for seven of the twenty windows that needed replacement. There are plaques mounted to recognize three windows that were donated as memorials to honor their parents. Other people wished to keep their contributions private. Please understand that every donation helped, and collectively, these generous donations helped the Property Committee complete the renovations required for the CHANCES daycare within the allotted budgetary figure. One-time contributions, such as these, are an effective and positive way to keep Trinity United Church in good repair and enhance the property with special projects.

“Coats for Kids” is collecting new or gently used outerwear for children; infant to teen sizes. Drop-off Depot – October 14-27 – across from escalators on the main level of the Confederation Court Mall.

Zion Presbyterian Church is holding an online auction from November 3rd to 8th, 2025. Proceeds will help with the cost to install a lift so all three floors of the church are accessible to the congregation and community. We have over 300 items www.32auctions.com//zion2025. Check it out.

Spook Organa! – a night of spooky organ music and more – fun for all ages – family friendly in SUMMERSIDE! When? This evening, Sunday, October 26th, 2025 at 7 :00 p.m. (1 hour program). Where: Trinity United Church, Summerside – 90 Spring St. Summerside.

What is it? The members of the PEI Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be decked in their scariest attire as they continue their Halloween tradition of performing at Spook Organa! on **Sunday, October 26th 7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Summerside.** The concert of macabre organ classics is punctuated with haunting readings and audience participation! Join the fun – come in costume and receive a loot bag! Admission is by free-will offering. Kids of all ages are invited to come in their Halloween attire and if possible, bring a donation to the food bank. All monetary donations go to our work in promoting the sounds of the pipe organ!! Doors open at 6:30 p.m..

FORMER 'BLUE CRYSTALS' CONCERT - Park Royal United Church presents a special concert on Saturday, November 15, at 7:00 PM, featuring members of the former Blue Crystals—David Altass, Gary Cudmore, Ian Hunter, Paul Chandler, and more—performing classic hits from the 1960s and 1970s across contemporary, country, and rock genres. Fudge sale at intermission (cash only).

Tickets are \$15 for adults, free for children, and available online via Eventbrite, at the church office, e-transfer or at the door (cash only), available now. Proceeds support Park Royal United Church programs. For details, call (902) 894-9656.

ONLINE FALL AUCTION – We're pleased to announce another exciting venture for Park Royal Church – We'll be hosting our third online auction from November 14 – November 24. Auction items range from gift cards for food, gas, golf etc, coffee parties, Christmas gifts, movies, Fall Décor items, painting, dog walking, baked goods, new handcrafted items, dinner parties, theatre tickets, yoga classes, Islanders tickets, hair dressing, new handcrafted items, car cleaning/detailing, the list is endless!! The auction site will go live at 8:00 AM on November 14 at which time you may join the group at 'Park Royal United Church Online Fall Auction 2025' and start your bidding. An ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping.

Auction closes at 8:00 PM on November 24. Pickup of items for successful bidders will be on Saturday, November 29 from 10:00 – 12:00.