

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

ADVENT ONE

November 30, 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

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 LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Do you know what time it is?

It looks as if the dawn is breaking.

Yes, the night is far spent; the day is at hand.

Then let us wake up and welcome the day!

The day when swords are beaten into ploughshares.

The day of justice, the day of peace.

The day of hope to which God calls us.

Surely, the dawn is breaking!

***OPENING HYMN VU 1** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

v.1 Solo voice; congregation and choir on chorus

v.2 Solo voice; congregation and choir on chorus

v.3 Solo voice; congregation and choir on chorus

Remaining verses choir and congregation.

OPENING PRAYER:

God, in a world where war and terror
strike fear into many hearts
and destroy many lives.

In a world where hate flourishes
and the haters are everywhere emboldened,
we long for our lives to be shaped
by a vision both ancient and new,
a radical alternative.

Call us again to your holy mountain;
renew our hope for a world remade
according to your will and intention;
strengthen us for the work we can do;
give us grace to trust you
for what we cannot do.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
the Light shining undefeated in the darkness.
Amen.

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE—HOPE: Matt, Sophie
And Devon

CHORUS: *Hope is flowing like a river,
flowing out from you and me,
flowing out into the desert,
setting all the captives free. (3X)*

STORY FOR ALL AGES:

CHOIR: Sleepers, Wake! Arr. Mendelssohn

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT : Isaiah 2 :1-5 **Reader:** Mark Burgoyne
May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 122 vu P. 845**

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14 **Reader:** Mark Burgoyne
May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 24:36-44
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Maybe, the Sudden Presence of God

***HYMN VU 336** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU 544** "In Gratitude and Humble
Trust"

*In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God, may our gifts reflect the hope
we have in you.
May our generosity in these anxious times
be a sign of your presence among us.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN VU 31** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN MV 221** "I Am Walking a Path of Hope"

*I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
lead me home, lead me home. (3X)*

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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 loving memory of Isabel Bowman from Austin and family.

The Poinsettia Plant in the sanctuary today is in memory of Ian W. Taylor from Mark and Sandra Richardson and family.

You are invited to drop by the book display from the Church Library today during Coffee and Conversation time.

The Clifton United Church is holding its special Christmas Service on December 7th at 7 p.m. – All are welcome!

Veggie Preparation in the Gym for the Take-Out Turkey

Dinner this coming Friday (December 5th), beginning at 10 a.m. – Please bring your favorite peeling/paring knife.

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser for Upper Room Food Bank - Saturday, December 6 -Pick Up at Sydney St. Entrance 4:30-5:30 pm. Menu: roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, turnip, peas, carrots and a roll. Cake for dessert. Tickets \$20. Phone: 902-892-4114 email:trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com. Doreen Daley will be selling tickets today after church. All proceeds will go to the Upper Room Food Bank

It's that time of the year, where so much is needed by the community and there is much more work for the church to do. We're making a Christmas appeal for funds to help the church Ministry end the year strong. We've had a successful year in fundraising, but more is needed by the community at this time of year. Please make an additional donation through the collection plate or by e-transfer to trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com. Every little bit helps tremendously. For those whose gifts are recorded, this will help increase your tax reduction as well. Thank

you for everything you have done so far this year, and for being a member of our community. We value you in so many ways. Have a Merry Christmas!

The next UCW meeting is a Pot Luck gathering at the Manse at 11 a.m. tomorrow - December 1, 2025. This is the UCW Annual Meeting. Guest speakers are Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson.

Next Chair Yoga with Melanie Fraser is December 8th – in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Noon hour Bible Study will be held this Tuesday, December 2nd. All are welcome. We will be continuing our study of the Book of Genesis.

We have a limited number of the 2026 United Church Calendars for sale at a cost of \$12.00. Contact the Church Office if interested in purchasing one.

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

Greeters for the month of November: Heather Diamond, David Larter, Maureen Larter, Bruce Fitchett.

Those celebrating a birthday this coming week: Sarah Scantlebury (Dec. 1st) , Angie Phillips (Dec. 2nd) , and Justin Mahood (Dec. 5th).

Scripture Readings December 7th, 2025:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3:1-12

The Stratford Community Choir is presenting its annual Christmas Concert on December the 14th at 7:00 pm at Spring Park United Church. There will be a lovely variety of Christmas music, a carol singalong and maybe a surprise or two!! Come, take a break from your busy holiday preparations and join us as we welcome the Christmas Season!