

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Fourth **Sunday** After Epiphany

Order Of Service

Sunday February 1, 2026

10:30 am

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

* Indicates to stand, if you are able.

Thought for the day: "If you want to, you can find a million reasons to hate life and be angry at the world; or, if you want to, you could find a million reasons to love life and be happy. Choose wisely." – Carl Welsh

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We follow the lead of the United Church of Canada in acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation. May we live with respect in this land and also live in respect for its peoples.

THE CHRIST CANDLE:

All that came into being – had its life and living by the Creation of God and then Jesus came to be the light of the world. May this Christ light shine throughout our world and may we have the ability to see that the dark parts of our world will

never be overcome as long as we have this Light
of the Christ Candle.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

**We light the rainbow candle, thankful for
the beautiful diversity in our world:
different languages, genders, abilities,
sexual orientations, age, and expressions of
faith - each one a reflection of Love Divine.**

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

***Gathering Song #579 VU "The Church Is
Wherever**

God's People"
***The church is wherever God's people
are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this
day. The church is wherever disciples of
Jesus remember his story and walk in
his way.***

***The church is wherever God's people
are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and
need. The church is wherever God's
people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in
deed.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us - each one of us.

**People: the wise, the foolish, the strong, the
weak.**

One: What does God require of us?

**People: To walk blameless and to do what is
right, to speak kindly of others, and to honor
those who love God.**

One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN: #382 (VU)** “Breathe on Me,
Breath
of God”

OPENING PRAYER:

In this sacred place this morning, O God, call us here to this time of worship. Help us in this time together to escape the things in our lives that worry us and burden our hearts and tend to destroy our spirits. Lead us to concentrate on whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, as we gather in this time of reflection. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Majesty, Love and Grace : Curry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know about the secret part of our lives - the parts which may make us ashamed. You know our problems. You also know our failures. You are aware of our burdens we carry and the triumphs we celebrate. So, we come to you, both in humility and confidence - humble because you know us: confident because we know that in your great mercy, you will receive us in love no matter what. Thank you, God. Amen.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our words of confession and understands fully when we go astray. We are assured and created anew. Let us go forth knowing this forgiveness and to move on to be the very best we can be. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Holy one, from age to age you have blessed your people with wisdom. We come seeking learning and insight from your scriptures. Let your Spirit guide and inspire us so we might hear and see your message for us this day.

OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:1-8 Reader: Susan

Willis

May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel St. Matthew 5: 1 - 12

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Reflection: Being Blessed!

***HYMN: 499 (VU) "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN (MV 191) "What Can I Do?"

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

*I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of justice and love, we give you thanks
for all that you have given to us. Empower us
now to use our gifts of money and love to
bring justice and healing to a hurting world.
Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 560** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 420 Vs. 2**

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming
grace.*

*Go seek God's presence in each time
and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses

Guest Minister this Sunday: Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina
Anderson

Music Director: Donald Fraser

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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.*

This bulletin is in loving memory of Tyler Russell Jorgensen. Always missed by Mom, Kathy Birt.

The sympathy of this congregation is extended to Lowell and Audrey Farquharson on the death of Lowell's sister Gladys Hunter.

Can you help out in the life and work of Trinity-Clifton? If you would like to do some committee work, please contact Gordon Matheson (902-388-4857) or Mary Ann Burke-Matheson (902-393-8378). We would be happy to discuss what may work for you.

UCW will be on Monday February 2nd at 1:30 in the Chapel.

The next Chair Yoga with Melanie Fraser is February 9th at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. Cost is \$10.

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday February 3rd. All are welcome.

Palestine Land Exercise workshop will be at Trinity on Saturday February 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this immersive experience is followed by an indigenous-style

talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps toward peace. This workshop is open to all. Please call the Church Office to register.

Park Royal United Church has a Special Occasion

Coming Up - Looking for the best **Roast Beef Supper!** Made with Love on Valentine's Day! Date: February 14. Take-Out at 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm - \$25/adults and \$15/kids 12 & under. Cash, cheque, e-transfer or may be purchased through Eventbrite at eventbrite.ca/.../take-out-roast-beef-dinner. The e-transfer address is: office@parkroyalunited.ca. Please call 902-894-9656 for more information!

Last October, a vibrant group of people from our community of faith brainstormed dozens of pie-in-the-sky ideas to help move our community of faith forward, use our spaces more effectively, connect with our neighbours better and bring more revenue into the church. Your council co-chairs are hosting a follow-up event on Saturday February 21st from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, to choose 2 or 3 projects that we would like to actively work on over the coming year, sketch out plans for how they can be done and create working groups to do them. We'd love to see you there! Please contact Wendy in the office to RSVP, by Thursday February 19th.

On Sunday February 22nd after church we will be holding a fundraiser lunch for William Denso. William is a student from Ghana who sings in our choir. He is working on his Masters in Island studies at UPEI. Sadly, the relative in Ghana who was supporting him financially has recently passed away. William's only income is from his minimum-wage part-time job. He has two terms left to finish his degree. We hope to help him with this. Donations will be welcome at the lunch or, if you prefer, donations can be made through the church office, marked "Benevolent Fund." For these a tax receipt can be issued.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. John Moses at 902-691-3288.

Food Bank Drive- Helping Others in Our Community

The Outreach Committee will be focusing on the first Sunday of every month to have a Food Drive for UPEI and Holland College Students' Food Bank. Your donations of help are greatly appreciated. We have been told that some of the most needed non-perishable items would be pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, cereal, peanut butter and instant noodle such as indomie or ramen. Also, donations such as fresh vegetables or potatoes when possible are greatly appreciated! Anything you can give would be welcomed! The first Drive will take place Sunday March 1st. We are very thankful for any help you can give to this program.

The next Dinner and Speaker event will be held on Tuesday March 3 at 5:30 pm. The speaker will be Gary MacDougall, former editor of the Charlottetown Guardian. He will be talking about his career as a journalist on PEI and, perhaps, offering some observations about the state of journalism today. Menu: stuffed roast loin of pork, mashed potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, baked apple side, gravy, dessert. Pay what you can for the meal. Please let us know you will be coming by calling the office by noon on Friday February 27th

Big Dream Youth Event, You Are Invited!

We are excited to share with you the Big Dream Youth Event. This invite is from Trinity/Clifton United, Park Royal United, Spring Park United, and West River United. Please reserve Sunday March 8th, 4-6 pm for an Intergenerational Event - (0-30 years) including those who bring the children such as parents, grandparents, guardians. This will take place at Trinity United. There will be worship, food, and a gathering and celebration of dreams and planning for a Youth Ministry shared across

the Island. We Plan to Dream! We Plan to Dream Big!
Hope you can Attend, Take Part, Have Fun, Dream,
Celebrate Ideas and Make Plans. More details to follow.
All are welcome!

The 2025 Tax Receipts are now available for pick-up at
the back of the church.

Copies of this year's United Church Lenten

Devotionals are now available at the church office.

Bless, Break, Share Recipes for Faithful Living, edited by
Alydia Smith. These have been donated, so there is no
cost to those who use them.

**If you have recently moved or changed your phone
number** from a land line to a cell phone, please advise
the church office so we can update our records.

Greeters for month of February: Joyce Phillips,
Bruce Fitchett, Mark Burgoyne, Roma Downe-MacQuarrie
Those celebrating a birthday this week: Wendy
Wright (February 4th)

Scripture Readings for Sunday February 8th, 2026:

Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12)

Psalms 112: 1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5: 13-20