

# **TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

## **Transfiguration Sunday**

### **Order Of Service**

**Sunday February 15, 2026**

**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**

#### **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:**

This candle represents the undefeated light of Christ. May its light shine for us and through us to brighten the world.

**May we always walk in this holy light.**

#### **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 VU 400** “Lord, Listen to Your  
Children

Praying”

***Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

(2X)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

On the mountain the bush burned but did not

burn,

**and Moses turned aside to see that great  
sight.**

There Moses encountered the living God.

**He stood on holy ground.** (Exodus 3:1-12)

On the mountain there was earthquake, wind and  
fire,

**and Elijah waited for the Lord to pass by,**  
but God came to Elijah in the sound of sheer

silence.

**He stood on holy ground.** (1 Kings 19:11-18)

On the mountain the face of Jesus shone like the  
sun,

**and Moses and Elijah were with him.**

There the disciples heard the voice of God.

**They stood on holy ground.** (St. Matthew 17:1-  
9)

O people, will you come to the mountain?

**We will come to the mountain  
to stand on holy ground.**

\***OPENING HYMN VU 336** “Christ Whose Glory Fills  
the

Skies”

**OPENING PRAYER:**

O God,

**we have turned aside and come to this  
place.**

**We have left behind the ordinariness of our  
lives to stand on holy ground.**

**May we not leave as we have come.**

**Gather us into your presence;  
surround us with your love;  
renew us by your grace.  
When we leave this place, may our lives  
shine  
with the glory we have met here.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
fairer than the sun at morning. Amen.**

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**CHOIR:** How Amiable are thy Dwellings - Eleanor  
Daley

**WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD:**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Exodus 24:12-18 Reader: Dave  
Atkinson

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 2 VU p.725**

**EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 1:16-21 Reader: Dave Atkinson  
May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the  
church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 17:1-9  
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Have You Been to the Mountain?**

**HYMN VU 103** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

**OFFERTORY CALL**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV 191** "What Can I Do?"  
*What can I do? What can I bring?*

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*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. (2X)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Receive our gifts, O God,  
and bless them in the service  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
that the world may be marvelously changed  
by your good news. Amen**

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**INVITATION TO THE TABLE:**

We are here because Jesus has called us –  
**strangers and friends,  
locals and visitors,  
believers and doubters,  
the certain and the curious.**

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers  
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,  
he meets us

**and through him we, who are different,  
are joined to each other.**

So we come,  
**not because we understand,  
but because we are understood.**

So we come,  
**not because of how we feel,  
but because of what we need.**

So we come,  
**not because we deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites us.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God, we are separated from you  
in so many ways and we know that,  
by ourselves, we can never bridge the gap.  
But in Jesus you have come to meet us;**

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**you have found us where we are  
and taken us by the hand  
to guide us in the path of life.  
We are separated from each other  
in so many ways and it often seems  
that we will always be strangers.  
But in Jesus you have named us  
your beloved children  
and kin to one another.  
Forgive our forgetfulness of what  
you have done for us and of who  
we really are. Hear our prayer  
and heal us. Amen.**

**SILENCE**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

We are created in the image of God.  
When we try to be like Jesus,  
however imperfectly,  
God's image shines through  
the muck and grime that clings to us  
and we begin to see who we really are.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**COMMUNION HYMN VU 459** "Here, O My Lord, I See  
You Face to Face" v.1,2,3

**COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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It is a right, good, and a joyful thing  
always and everywhere to give you our thanks,  
you who created all that is  
and all that ever shall be.  
On the first day of creation, you said,  
“Let there be light,” and there was light;  
and you called the light good.  
From mountaintops to the deepest valleys,  
in daylight and in the darkest shadows,  
you call us to be your people.  
And so, with your people on earth  
and all the great cloud of witnesses in heaven,  
we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn: **VU p.932**

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***Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the  
highest!***

Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ.  
When he went up the mountain with his disciples,  
he stood in the company of Moses and Elijah,  
enveloped in the bright cloud of your presence.  
When he saw that his friends were afraid,  
he touched them with compassion,  
freeing them from fear.  
On the night in which he gave himself up  
to death he took bread, broke it, and said,  
“This is my body which is given for you.”  
After supper he took the cup and said,  
“This is my blood poured out for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”  
And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves  
in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice

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as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **VU p.933**

***Christ has died. Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of

Christ,

that we may become one with Christ,  
who lived and died and rose to eternal life,  
an eternal blessing for the world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry  
to all the world, until we feast together  
at the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

Light of light, True God of true God,  
Spirit of holiness, we praise you now,  
tomorrow, and forevermore.

in Jesus' name. **VU p.933 Amen.**

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**Welcoming and forgiving God,  
may the goodness and mercy  
we have encountered at this table  
follow us all the days of our lives,  
as we follow Jesus. Amen.**

\***HYMN VU 266** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the  
Sound"

### **\*SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*DISMISSAL HYMN VU 420 v.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 place.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

## **POSTLUDE**

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. John Moses  
**Candidates for Ministry:** Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson  
**Music Director:** Donald Fraser  
**Office Administrator:** Wendy Maxwell  
**Custodian:** Andy Gagnon  
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**Office Hours:** Mon. to Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### **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.*

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**This bulletin is in memory of Evan McEwen** from Jean Miller.

**The sympathy of this congregation** is extended to Fred Burke on the death of his sister Pat MacEachern.

**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.

**Noon hour Bible Study** will be on Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**The next Chair Yoga with Melanie Fraser** is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. Cost is \$10.

**On Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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

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potatoes when possible are greatly appreciated! Anything you can give would be welcomed! The first Drive will take place Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Register for the Big Dream Youth Event!** We need you! 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. This will be a collaborative, inclusive, and spiritually vibrant youth ministry across PEI that nurtures belonging, identity, and mission for children and youth (ages 0-30). Rooted in the gifts of each congregation, this initiative empowers youth through creativity, faith exploration, social engagement, and intergenerational relationships. Please reserve Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 gathering and celebration of dreams and planning for a Youth Ministry shared across the Island. We Plan to Dream! We Plan to Dream Big! Please register for this brainstorming/ planning youth event at the church office by Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. We are hoping to see you!!!

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Financial Empowerment Program**

Organization: John Howard Society of PEI JHSPEI is launching its new Financial Empowerment Program to provide free tax filing, one-on-one financial coaching, and workshops to Islanders facing financial barriers. We are looking for compassionate and reliable volunteers to help deliver these crucial services.

Roles Available:

1. Community Tax Clinic Volunteers: Help prepare simple income tax returns so clients can access vital benefits and credits. (Training provided through the CRA's CVITP).
2. Financial Coaches/Mentors: Offer confidential, one-on-one guidance on budgeting, debt management, access to benefits and financial goal setting.
3. Financial Education Programs: Deliver Financial Literacy programs and workshops to individuals which will include topics such as budgeting, banking, taxes, debt, etc. Ready to Help? To learn more about the program and how you can volunteer, please contact: Tanner MacLean at [tanner@jhspei.ca](mailto:tanner@jhspei.ca) or (902)626-6743

**The Pastoral Care Committee** is interested in providing some sessions on Ageing Well. If there are topics which you would like to see covered in these sessions, please contact the church office.

**If you are a frequent visitor to Trinity Clifton** and are not set up on PAR or have envelopes, we suggest you contact the Church office (902-892-4114), to be set up so you can take advantage of any tax benefit by receiving a Charitable Tax receipt for your donations.

**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.

**Gift cards for the retailers listed below** are available for purchase every Sunday after church, as well as every weekday at the church office. The proceeds go towards the work and cost of our programs and building needs. If there is a gift

card that is not listed, please let us know and we will look into adding it to our gift card list.

Amazon	Home	Shoppers DM
Best Buy	Hardware	Sobeys
Boston Pizza	Indigo	Staples
Canadian Tire	Irving	Starbucks
Children's Place	KFC	Subway
Cineplex	Kent	Superstore
Dollarama	M & M	Swiss Chalet
Esso	Marks	Tim Hortons
Giant Tiger	McDonald's	Ultramar
Home Depot	Old Navy	Wal-Mart
	PetroCanada	Wendy's
	Shell	Winners

**Greeters for month of February:** Joyce Phillips, Bruce Fitchett, Mark Burgoyne, Roma Downe-MacQuarrie

**Those celebrating a birthday this week:** Alice Pigott (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>), Judy Irwin (Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>), Melanie Walsh Fraser (Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>), Suzanne Campbell (Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>), Eileen Howatt (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Scripture Readings for Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026:**

Genesis 2:15-27, 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11