

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Order Of Service

Sunday February 8, 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:

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 VU 400 "Lord, Listen....."**

**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:

God calls us:
**to faith, to service, to generosity,
to courage, to joy, to thanksgiving.**
As we gather this day,
**may our hearts be open to receive that call
and may we find grace to answer.**

***OPENING HYMN: Metrical Psalm 42 VU p.766**

“As the Deer Pants for the Water”

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, in this season we hear Jesus
proclaiming that the kingdom of heaven
has come near but, very often, heaven
seems far from us; you seem far from us.
We come here today in faith, in doubt,
in hope, in despair, in longing.
We wanted to be in touch
with something greater than ourselves
and we want to sing a melody that is**

sweeter

**than the world's sad old song.
Gather us in; embrace us
in your everlasting arms
and your everlasting love.
At this time, in this place,
may earth and heaven, time and eternity,**

meet.

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our
Saviour. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: It is well with my Soul - Matheny

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, you are eternal.
With you a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day.
We are time-bound;
we all have expiry dates.
We find it difficult to stay focused
for the long haul.
We are angered;
we are outraged by injustice,
by the suffering inflicted on the innocent.
Sometimes, we are even moved
to speak out, to take action.
Then the moment passes;
what once moved us becomes
background noise, just the way the world is.
The injustice and the suffering
are still there but we return
to life more or less as usual.
This is how we cope.
God, we need to find refuge
in your eternity.
We need to find in you
strength and sanity
to help us live with eyes
and ears and hearts wide open.
God, hear our prayer,
and let our cry come to you.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God knows how it is with us.
God understands our frailty;
remembers that we are only dust.
And yet, God, the High Eternal One,
never ceases to love us as we are
and dream of what we might be.

Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 58:1-9a Reader: Bruce Fitchett

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9 VU p.834

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 5:13-20

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Salt, Light, Righteousness

***HYMN MV 154 "Deep in Our Hearts"**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY 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. (2X)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God, we know that we can't
take our money with us
but we often hang onto it as if we could.
May the resources you have entrusted to us
be used to provide some seasoning
and light for the world.
We offer our gifts,
praying that they will be used
to do Jesus' work. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 87 "I Am the Light of the World"**

***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!***

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Wendy Maxwell

Custodian: Andy Gagnon

Sunday Custodian: Seamus Murphy

Web Page: www.trinityclifton.org

Email: trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com

Phone: 902-892-4114

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.

This bulletin is in memory of Cameron McAskill
from Alma and Charlie Mutch.

Next Sunday, February 15, is the last Sunday before Lent begins. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.

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

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday February 10th. All are welcome.

Men's Club will meet on Wednesday February 11th at 11:00 am.

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](https://www.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.

We have a limited number of free tickets to the 8th Avenue Players upcoming production of ***Mary Poppins***. It will be performed at the Florence Simmons Performance Hall in Charlottetown on February 27, 28, March 1, 5, and 6 and Scott MacAulay Performing Arts

Centre in Summerside on March 21 and 22. Contact the office for your tickets.

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 Churches. 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!

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 or (902)626-6743

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.

Thank you from Doreen Bird-Daley

What a party it was! Thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare for my retirement party - those who put many kind words of appreciation on the cards I received and spoke in person - your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten!

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.

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

Those celebrating a birthday this week: Isabel Scott (Feb. 11th), Barbara Dalziel (Feb. 13th)

Scripture Readings for Sunday February 15th, 2026:

Exodus 24: 12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9