

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

PENTECOST 21

Order of Service

Sunday, October 18, 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 MV 141** (without chorus)

***1 We are all one people, we all come from one Creation way on high.
We are all one nation under one great sky, you and I.
We are all one people, we are all one colour in her eyes.***

***2 We are all one people, we all come from one Creation way on high.
We are all one nation under one great sky, you and I.
We are all one people, we are all one colour in his eyes.***

***3 We are all one people,
we are all one nation,
we are all one colour if we try.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The time has come for God's people to gather.
In this house of worship, in our homes, in the pews and online, we are together.
The time has come to focus our distracted minds.
We will collect our scattered thoughts and lay them before God.
The time has come to call back our divided hearts.
We will try to set our hearts on what really matters.
The time has come to join our hearts and our minds in worship.
**We will listen to hear God's word;
we will seek to understand;
we will be open to the Spirit's leading;
we will give thanks and praise.**

***OPENING HYMN VU 333** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OPENING PRAYER:

God, in a world where tyrants strut
and threaten, in a world where
billionaires call the shots, in a world
where the best lack all conviction
and the worst are full of passionate
intensity, we long to enter into a space
of mind, body and spirit where we can be
embraced by a love that has withstood
the passing of the ages and grounded
in a wisdom that sees through
the fakery and confusion of the present
moment. The truth is, God, we long for you.
We thank you that you have shown
us your heart in Jesus Christ in whose
name we offer our worship this day. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Rejoice in God : Schutz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we are a people of divided loyalties,
pulled this way and that
by conflicting pressures and demands.
We try to fit you in---we really do---
but there are so many things
higher on our lists of priorities,
that we often find ourselves
without time, energy or resources left over.
God, if we stop to hear ourselves thinking,
we can only wonder what you must think.
It is you who has fitted us in,
made us part of your creation,
blessed us with the gift of life.
Forgive us for offering you leftovers;
help us worship and serve you

with heart, mind and strength,
as Jesus taught us. Amen.

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting. May the God of mercy,
who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
keep us in eternal life.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 33:12-23
May we hear the word of God.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 99 VU p.819**

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
May we hear the word of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 22:15-22
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Caesar We Can See but Where is God?

***HYMN VU 342** "You Servants of God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU 538** "For the Gift of Creation"
*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our
hands. May your grace be proclaimed
by the gifts that we give.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**If we gave you what is ours, God,
we would come empty-handed.
Because we give from what
you have entrusted to our care,
we come with full hands
and full hearts.
Thank you! Amen!**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

***HYMN VU 642** "Be Thou My Vision"

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 298**

"When You Walk from Here"
**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care. (3X)**

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses (He/Him)
Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke (She/Her)
Corina Anderson (She/Her) and David Atkinson (He/Him)
Music Director: Donald Fraser (He/Him)
Today's Reader: David Atkinson (He/Him)
Office Administrator: Traci Birt (She/Her)
Custodian: Andy Gagnon (He/Him)
Sunday Custodian: Seamus Murphy (He/Him)

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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.*

**We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
the late Harry Keilly.**

The next free dinner for students (and others) will
be held on **Thursday, October 22**, from 5:30 to 7:00
pm.

**Veggie prep for our take-out roast beef dinner
will start**

Friday morning, October 23, at 9:00 am. We need to
peel, chop and slice. If 9:00 am is too early for you, drift
in a bit later. There will be lots of work to do.

Our Fall Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Saturday,
October 24, 4:30-5:30PM. Menu includes roast beef,
potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, a roll and
delicious cake. Tickets are \$25. Call the church office
for more details. (902) 892-4114

Trinity will have a Halloween Party for the youth
of our Church on **Friday, Oct the 30th** from 6:00pm to
8:30pm.

The party will include pumpkin carving, candy treats,
pizza, games and movies. More details to be
announced, but the youth of the church are asked to

dress up in their Halloween costume. There will be prizes for costumes! Youth are also asked to bring a friend or two and to register for the event by calling the church office by Oct 27th, so we know how many young people to expect.

On Sunday, November 1, at the 10:30 am service, we will be installing the Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley as Minister Emeritus of the Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge. This is an honorary position given in recognition of Doreen's long friendship with and many contributions to Trinity-Clifton. The celebration will continue with a soup lunch in the gym, following the service.

The congregation of the Memorial Pastoral Charge invite you to a Covenanting Service between them, Corina Anderson and the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region to be held in the Memorial United Church, Murray River, PEI, on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm. The service will be led by the Search Committee, with Rev. Rachel Campbell, President, representing the Region. The guest speaker will be the Rev. John Moses. A reception will follow.

Memorial United Church is located at 229 Cape Bear Rd, Murray River, PEI. The Sanctuary is wheelchair accessible via the main door. All are welcome. We extend a heartfelt invitation to all to join us as we celebrate this new faithful partnership.

Our next Dinner and Speaker event will be held on **Tuesday, November 3,** at 5:30 pm. The speaker will be Emily Fitzgerald who will be speaking about the impact of climate change on population health. This has been the subject of her Ph.D. research. Emily is the daughter of Ann and John FitzGerald, granddaughter of the late Don and Florence Wonnacott. As usual, pay

what you can for the meal. Menu to be announced shortly.

The choir is encouraging and welcoming new members to come join them for another season of great music for worship. Rehearsals go every Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm, with a warm-up rehearsal on Sunday mornings, 9:45 am. Plan on joining this year. It's a wonderful group!

Donations of books and puzzles for the fall fair are now welcome. We have need for fiction(especially new), children's books, large print and audio books. Puzzles are in demand, donations of puzzles with all the pieces would be appreciated. Please leave all donations at Trinity or if you need items picked up, please call the church office.

We now have mustard pickles available to sell. You can reach out to the church office, (902-892-4114) or just come in and pick them up. \$10 a bottle. Jams will soon follow.

Other Ways of Giving

Trinity Clifton has collaborated with Canada Helps with a new way to donate online. Scanning this QR code with your phone's camera will take you to our giving page. There is a button labelled CanadaHelps.org, and then it takes you to a donation page for Trinity. Enter your info and the donation is made. Tax receipts can be provided. It's a new way for those not using envelopes or PAR. Feel free to share this with visitors and friends. Thank you from all of us.



If you prefer e -Transfer, please send your donation to trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and, if you are not a member of the congregation, your mailing address so we can send you a tax receipt.

If you are a frequent visitor to Trinity-Clifton and are not set up on PAR or do not have envelopes, we suggest you contact the 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.

Sock It To 'em is amping up for the 2026 season.

We are looking for donations of all types of winter clothing, coats, hats, mitts/gloves, as well as lots of socks! Donations can be left here inside the Richmond Street entrance, or in the office. For more information call 902-892-4114.

Gift cards for many retailers are available for purchase every Sunday after church beside the elevator. A complete list can be found on the website.

Hospital Visits

If you have a family member from Trinity-Clifton in hospital, please notify the church office. Rev. John Moses visits the hospital weekly and would appreciate knowing this information.

Have you 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 the month of October: Vans and Emily Bryant, Anne Love (October 4th) David and Maureen Larter.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 25, 2026:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36