

Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns and Hilden United Churches
We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Organists: Old Barns--Beckie Burrows, Hilden--Edith Selwyn-Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Judy Loughhead

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly welcoming, caring, and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

March 30th, 2025

Joint Worship Service in Old Barns 10:00 a.m.

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

LENT 4

Music provided by - Choir Members

Reader - Barb Miller

Prelude

Welcome

As we begin, we acknowledge that the first peoples to pray and sing songs, to craft rituals and share stories, to worship and celebrate the presence of the Creator in this beautiful land are the Wabanaki peoples, for us the lands of the Mi'kmaq.

We gather on land that is, by law, their unceded territory. With gratitude, we acknowledge the elders, past, present and emerging. We seek to live in right relationship with our neighbors and to walk with respect in creation. (Regions East)

ALL MY RELATIONS.

Introit (VU #114, Vs 1 & 5) "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Centering Prayer

Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Greetings

Call to Worship

Come, let us return home to God.

Like the prodigal son, we are ready to come home.

Come, let us hear the words of grace and pass them on to others who don't deserve it.

In humility, we give thanks that don't get what we deserve.

Come, let us kill the fatted calf and celebrate.

Let us celebrate God's presence and love.

Hymn (VU #348) "O Love, How Deep"

Story Time (Barb Miller)

Anthem (H&OB) & Scripture Luke 15: 11-32

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Sermon "Jealousy or Joy?"

Hymn (VU #112) "O God, How We Have Wandered"

Anthem (H&OB) "We Walk the Path of Jesus"

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Centering Prayer (VU #664 Vs 1) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving (Barb Miller)

Offertory Prayer

Musical Response (VU #417 Vs 3) "God, as We Rise to Leave"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (MV #20) "God of Still Waiting"

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (MV #214) "May God's Sheltering Wings"

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every now and then Life throws you a lemon when you least expect it, but if you are fortunate enough to have a wonderful church family...they quickly turn it into lemonade. Thank you so much for the casseroles, soup, biscuits, muffins and all the baked goodies. OH so good...and we are OH so grateful...almost a good excuse to stay in the hospital! You are definitely the best church family...ever!!!! - *Thanks from Marnie and family*

April 1st - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., **Hilden UCW** meeting. There will be a guest speaker from **Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre** (presentation and slide show). *All are welcome to attend this program and lunch.* Our meeting will be held after lunch that afternoon.

Hilden Cards and Games: (all are welcomed)

April 02 (Wed) @ 10:00 a.m. April 25 (Fri) @ 1:00 p.m.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2nd - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., **Old Barns UCW** meet in the Russell Room.

April 3rd - Thursday, 9:45 - 11:15 a.m., Bible study in Old Barns.

Lent has begun and we invite you to be part of our Lenten **“Spare Change to Make a Change”** project. Please put your spare change in the pill bottle during lent and put it in the offering on Easter Sunday. (The Treasurers would prefer a cheque to a bottle of change) Let's see how much our “leftovers” multiply. Thank you for your support.
-*The Stewardship Committee*

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Book - *“How We Learn to Be Brave”* by Mariann Edgar Budde. For those who may want to purchase this book, it can be found through Amazon. There will be one book available in the church library.

May 12-15 - Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education 2025, Tatamagouche Centre, Nova Scotia, **Coming Home to Earth: Embracing Kinship, Creation, and Community.** See bulletin board for more information.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - April 6th, 2025 Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Scriptures: John 12:1-11

Theme: Jesus attends a dinner party in Bethany

Worship Services Schedule

Apr 6 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Apr 13 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns- *Palm Sunday*

Apr 17 - **7:00 p.m.** in Hilden, *Maundy Thursday Service*

Apr 18 - **11:00 a.m.** in Old Barns, *Good Friday Service*

Apr 20 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Easter Sunday*

Bookings -

Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

georgecreelman@hotmail.com

Bulletin Announcements - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or

lougheadjd@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of services are available on the website under the heading “Worship”. **All Policies** - (*Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms or Blessings*) are located under the heading “About Us”.

Clerks of Sessions - to contact the Session with any questions or concerns regarding the Spiritual Life of the church or to request a baptism or wedding, please contact your Clerk of Session:

Old Barns - *Position to be filled.*

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Minutes for Mission playlists at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada
stories and photos on www.united-church.ca

Need a Drive to Church (OB) - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

Old Barns Treasurer - regarding church business or etransfer donations contact Bob Francis at oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Social Committee (OB) - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641.

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact either the Clerk of Session or the minister, Rev. Phillip Kennedy.