

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.

January 19th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Sheila Marshall, (OB) Laurie Sandeson

“The Divine/Human Christ”

Prelude

We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. (AST- Halifax)

Introit (VU #82, Chorus, Vs 1 and Chorus) “A Light is Gleaming”

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together in community.

We gather as the body of Christ in this place.

Come, let us hear the Good News!

We come seeking the Word for our lives.

Let us worship and celebrate God's presence.

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

Hymn (MV #79) “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Story Time (OB - Barb Miller)

Special Music (H) “I Heard the Voice of Jesus” (VU #626)

(OB) “Come, Receive God's Blessing” Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price, Music by Don Besig, © 2008 Harold Flammer Music

Prayer for Illumination (VU #662) “Lead Me, God”

Scripture John 2: 1-11

Sermon “The Divine/Human Christ”

Hymn (VU #477) “I Come with Joy”

Centering Prayer (VU #400) “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer and Musical Response (VU #81 Vs 3)

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

The Nicene Creed (VU #920)

EUCCHARIST

Hymn (VU #101) “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Invitation

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Shaper of all life, Source of love.
You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.
At your Word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.
You breathe life into us and set us among all your other creatures, in a covenant of love, service and interdependence.
Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.
You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you.
You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest

Holy ONE, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus the Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the Mother and Father of us all.

Jesus healed the sick and ate and drank with the unclean and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

We remember that when, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus ate with his friends in the upper room, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection and waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you in response that our lives may

proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be ONE: light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Fraction and Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need, here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.

Though afflicted by brokenness and division, here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

Though daily we touch our limits, here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God, in faith, in hope, and in love.

Amen.

Hymn (VU #481) *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #871, Ch, vs1, Ch) *"Am the Light of the World"*

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Games & Cards

Jan 24th (Fri) 1:00 p.m. Feb. 5th (Wed) 10:00a.m.
Feb. 21st (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

February 2nd, 2025 - Sunday, **Annual Hilden Congregational General Meeting** following the church service. Pot luck between church & meeting. Lets try sandwiches and sweets. No hot dishes. Tea and coffee provided.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Barns Bible Study on Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

January 23rd February 13th February 27th
February 6th February 20th

January 26th - Sunday, **Annual Old Barns Congregational General Meeting** following the church service.

The **Old Barns Session** is in need of **filling two upcoming vacancies**; one as of Jan. 1, 2025 and one as of May 31, 2025. Please contact a member of Session (Leslie Burrows, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Laurie Sandeson, Barb Miller) if you can offer to serve our church family in this way. Thank you.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The United Church of Canada is offering an opportunity to United Church connected individuals to learn from and about global partners and the Global Partnership program through visits to four different partnership regions in 2025. (See bulletin board for more information) Deadline to apply is January 31st.

- **February 2nd** - Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., **Interfaith Expo Public Event**, Celebration of Interfaith Peace & Harmony held at the Truro Fire Hall, 165 Victoria St. See bulletin board poster.

February 9th - Sunday, 2:00pm, **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting** in Old Barns.

February 15th - Saturday, 7:00 p.m., **Valentine Extravaganza** at Knox United Church, Brookfield. **Entertainment by Chillin' Sound**; delicious appetizers and desserts; silent auction; door prizes. Advance tickets only, \$20 - at MacQuarrie's Pharmasave, Brookfield or by calling Erin at 902-673-2707.

From the *Future Vision Workshop*: Here's what **you** said:

What is a hope or wish you have for this community of faith?

- *If we don't survive, do something meaningful with financial resources now to make the community and world a better place.
- *Decide on a vision that is more community related; many little projects, example Soup Supper.
- *Attitude, outreach, culture; need some small successes with outreach projects.
- *Create a culture where community feels a part.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - January 26th, 2025

Scriptures: Luke 4:14-21

Theme: The Proclamation by Jesus of His Mission.

Worship Services Schedule

Jan 26 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Feb 2 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

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

Feb 16 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings -

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

rhenderson8@hotmail.com

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

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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

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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.