

## *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 Loughead

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

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**February 23<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**Led by Bruce Varner**

**Music provided by - Choir Members**

**Readers - Barb Miller**

**Psalm 139** (Responsive; not sung.)

**Song** "Rainbow" (*Sung By Kacey Musgraves*)

### **Call To Worship**

Like the earth,

**God is under our feet.**

Like the sky,

**God is over our heads.**

Like the air,

**God is all around us and gives us life.**

Like a dream,

**God is mysterious and beyond us.**

God is in us.

**We are in God.**

Let us rejoice.

**Let us worship God.**

### **Prayer of Approach**

**We reach out to You, O God, in our believing and in our doubting – in our enthusiasm and in our fear. We reach out to You with our dreams, our songs and our listening. We know You have already reached out to us before we even thought of reaching out to You, so today we come to give thanks, and to pray for Your spirit. Amen**

**Hymn (VU #491)** "O Perfect Love"

## **Congregational Life and Work**

### **Invitation To Confession**

#### **Prayer Of Confession**

**Holy Spirit, breath of God, You bring us wisdom, giving us vision and understanding that we might learn to live joyously in Your care. But we shield our eyes and resist understanding, despising Your gifts with our greed and impatience. We want to feed the hungry, but would rather You give us the bread, not the yeast and the flour. We want to shelter the needy, but we wish You would give us more than just a mustard seed to do the job. You call us into relationships that will grow and nurture and minister to each other. Forgive us when we focus on the end and miss You in the process. Amen**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

**O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your word is proclaimed, we may hear what You are saying to us today. Amen**

**Scriptures** Matthew 5 (*Selected Verses*)

1 John 4: 7-12

1 Corinthians 13

L: *This is the word of the Lord.*

P: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Meditation**

**"Do You Really Mean It?"**

#### **Focus on Giving**

#### **Offering**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer Song (VU #343)** "I Love To Tell The Story"

#### **Prayers of the Community**

**Hymn (VU #298)** "When You Walk From Here"

#### **Benediction & Commissioning**

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 2025 Financial Report

#### Hilden United Church

<b>Bank Balance Jan. 1/2025</b>		<b>56,168.91</b>
Receipts	2,469.37	
Expenses	<u>34,097.83</u>	
<b>Bank Balance Jan. 31/2025</b>		<b>24,540.45</b>

## OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** to our church family for all the love and support shown to us during the passing of 'Mum' Helen. Your caring and kindness is very much appreciated. *Gordie and Barb and Family*

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., **Old Barns UCW** meet in the Russell Room.

## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Phillip Kennedy will be *off for a week study leave and two weeks vacation*.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Sunday, **Soup Drive** - \$12 litre, Hamburger, Pea Soup, Apple Squash and Corn Chowder. **Prepaid only**, please order by *February 19th* with the Truro First United Church Office. (902) 895-8098

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Sunday, **10:00 a.m., Joint Worship Service** in *HILDEN* led by Rev. Larry Harrison.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Tuesday, **Shrove Tuesday**, *Pancake lunch/supper* at the Truro First United Church Memorial Hall! \$12 for adults; \$6 for children and Take-Out too! - **Pre Order with Church Office** – tickets available from the Church Office. (902) 895-8098

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** - Friday, 1:30 p.m., **World Day of Prayer** is being held at Brunswick Street United Church (250 Brunswick St., Truro, NS). The service will be followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments/snacks. Snow date: March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday, **10:00 a.m., Joint Worship Service** in *OLD BARNS*, led by Rev. Larry Harrison.

**Lectionary Readings Next Year** - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 **10:00 a.m.** in Hilden  
**Joint Service** (Led by Rev. Larry Harrison)

**Scriptures:**

**Theme:**

### **Worship Services Schedule**

Mar 2 - 10:00 a.m **Joint Service** in Hilden led by Rev. Larry Harrison  
Mar 9 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Old Barns led by Rev. Larry Harrison  
Mar 16 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - Rev. Phillip Kennedy

### **Bookings -**

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

[rlhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto:rlhenderson8@hotmail.com)

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

[georgecreelman@hotmail.com](mailto:georgecreelman@hotmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or  
[lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada)  
stories and photos on [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

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

**Old Barns Treasurer** - regarding church business or e-transfer donations contact Bob Francis at [oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.