

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 23th, 2025
Worship Service Hilden/Old Barns
Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy
LENT 3

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members
Reader - (H) , (OB) Donna Yuill

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 Your Pew Neighbours

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together in the ONE.

We gather in the name of the loving God we know in Jesus.

Come, let us continue the journey to Jerusalem.

We follow the way of the cross empowered by God's love and the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Come, let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn (VU #111) "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Story Time (OB - Gary Saunders)

Special Music (H) "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"
(VU #613, Vss 1,2,3,6)

(OB) "Jesus Will Make Us His Own" Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig, Music by Don Besig, © 1993 by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

Prayer for Illumination (MV #15) "Holy Sacred Spirit"

Scripture Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon "The Complicated Relationship Between Sin, God and Suffering"

Hymn (MV #83) "Let My Spirit Always Sing"

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer

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

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #274) "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Commissioning / Benediction

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

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 27th - Thursday, 9:45 - 11:15 a.m., Bible study in Old Barns.

March 26th - Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., **Mens Club meeting** will be held in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a pot luck supper and all men in the community are welcome.

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

March 30th - Sunday, 10:00 a.m., **Joint Worship Service** in Old Barns.

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 - March 30th, 2025 Joint Worship Service in Old Barns, *Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Theme: The Prodigal Son

Worship Services Schedule

Mar 30 - 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service in Old Barns

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 - Maundy Thursday Service in Hilden - Time?

Apr 18 - Good Friday Service in Old Barns - Time?

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

rhenderson8@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.*

Hilden - *Position to be filled.*

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 e-transfer 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.