

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.

January 12th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Marnie Smith, (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh

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)

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Prelude

Introit (VU #82, Chorus, Vs 1 and Chorus) *"A Light is Gleaming"*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Call to Worship

God's light calls us together.

We gather in community to seek healing, forgiveness and truth.

Christ's actions guide us.

By following his way and example, we become his hands and feet in this world.

The Spirit watches over us.

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Providing assurance and support as we seek to walk in God's light, and follow Christ.

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

Hymn (VU #100) *"When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"*

Story Time (OB - Barb Miller)

Special Music (H) *"With Open Hearts"* Words and Music © 2008:
Mary-Ellen Kish

(OB) *"From the Waters of Creation"* Music - Thomas Olivers (1763), Harmony -
Ralph Vaughn Willisams, © Anna Strickland, 2023, Commissioned by A Sactified Art, LLC

Prayer for Illumination (VU #662) *"Lead Me, God"*

Scripture Luke 3: 15-22

Sermon *"The Baptism of Jesus and Ours"*

Hymn (MV #161) *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*

Reception of New Members (Hilden)

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"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #99) *"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #87, Chorus, Vs 1, Chorus)
"I Am the Light of the World"

Postlude

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.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26th, 2025 - 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.

M&S Report for December, 2024 is \$3,544.05 (\$345 World Development & Relief) for a total of \$26,039.25 year ending 2024. This was 86.8% of our goal. In addition, Water of Life received \$150 in December. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Mission & Service this year. It does so much good here in Canada as well as in the world. We ask that you continue your support and invite others to join us in this great cause. -*The Stewardship Committee*.

February 9th, 2025 - Sunday, 2:00pm, **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting** in Old Barns.

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

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

*Hope we survive and thrive; figure out how to best use the building when it is presently unused.

*We are an affirming church, need to keep inclusivity in mind for all- new or existing.

*Community outreach may need to be re-defined, example donations to Maggie's Place, or Housing Outreach.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - January 19th, 2025

Scriptures: John 2:1-11

Theme: The First Sign (Water into Wine)

Worship Services Schedule

Jan 19 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
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

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 - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Hilden - *Pam Henley* 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

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.