

**Clifton Pastoral Charge**

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

*We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge*

**Organist:** Old Barns – Beckie Burrows | Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith

**Bulletin Secretary:** Mallery Thomas

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

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Sunday, January 11, 2026

Hilden United Church, Led by Bruce Varner

Greetings and Announcements

Psalm 67

Lighting of the Spirit Candle

Silent Preparation for Worship

**Call To Worship (responsively)**

Today is a gift to be celebrated.

**We come with praise for all God's gifts.**

Let us give thanks for the beauty of God's world.

**We open our eyes to the wonders around us.**

**Introit (VU#958) "Halle, Halle, Halle"**

**Prayer of Approach (In Unison)**

**Holy God, You call us together to reflect on Your word, and Your will for us in the world today. Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear Your voice and understand Your way. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn (VU#288) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Holy God, whose loving forgiveness is shared so generously, we humbly confess our sin. Forgive us for our failure to understand and accept the demands and challenges placed before us. We want to be faithful, but we find ourselves confused. We want to be involved in healing and helping, but we find ourselves insensitive and self seeking. We promise to follow the Good News of Your Gospel. Loving God, forgive us. Take our**

**limitations and transform them into possibilities of service. Take our meager acts of love and multiply them for Your kingdom. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Hymn (VU#234) "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind"**

**Prayer of Illumination (In Unison)**

**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**

Scripture Reading - 1 John 4:7-17

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer

Meditation "Sharing God's Love"

Special Music: To The River Jesus Journeyed

Juanita L. Austin, Gathering A/C/E 2024/25 (Year C) p58

Offering | Offertory | Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Minute for Missions

**Prayer Song "I Pledge Allegiance"**

**I pledge allegiance to the Lamb,**

**With all my strength, with all I am.**

**I will seek to honour His commands -**

**I pledge allegiance to the Lamb.**

Prayers Of The Community

**Hymn (VU#235) "O Worship The King"**

Benediction and Commissioning

Sung Blessing

Postlude

## Announcements

\*All annual reports are due no later than January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Please email reports to [secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

### **Old Barns United Church**

Cards will be held on Thursday's from 1pm-3pm beginning in February. All are welcome to attend

Old Barns annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 10:00am church service.

### **Hilden United Church**

Cards and Games at the Hall

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

January 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am

February 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm

### **A Message From Phillip**

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for the pot-luck celebration after the service on December 28<sup>th</sup>, and the words of appreciation. A special thank you for the painting by Alan Syliboy – I love it!

Wishing you all well for the next leg of your journey!

- Phillip