

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.

December 29, 2024

Old Barns Worship Service

Pre-Taped for Website

Led by Barb Miller

Music provided by - Choir Members

Readers - Karen Archibald-Waugh

Prelude

Introit (VU #48, Vs 1) *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Welcome

Announcements

Light Candles

Hymn (VU #69) *"Away In a Manger"*

Land Acknowledgement

We give thanks today that we are able to worship on land that is the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, may we continue to seek ways to foster peace and friendship among all.

ALL MY RELATIONS

Call to Worship (VU #80) *An Epiphany Prayer*

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

With the appearance of your Son you have brought us into your new creation.

Form us into your people, and order our lives in you, through Christ, the Living One. Amen.

Hymn (VU #68) *"All Poor Ones and Humble"*

Story Time (*Karen*)

Anthem *"News In Bethlehem Town"* Words and Music by David Davenport and Ruth Elaine Schram, ©2008 Glory Sound

Scripture Luke 2: 15-20
Colossians 3: 12-17

Message **"Compassion"**

Hymn (VU #44) *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer (*from the Gathering Resource*)

Great giver of gifts, bless what we offer this day. Through your Spirit, may all that we offer be transformed and, along with us, help continue the ministry to which you have called us. May all that is given truly enable your mission to love and serve your world. Amen.

Sung Response (VU #55, Vs 4) *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

Prayers for the People

Anthem *"Just When We Truly Needed Peace"*

Words by Mary Kay Beall, music by John Carter, © 2004 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Benediction

Choral Blessing (VU #43, Vs 1) *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings Next Year - January 5th, the 12th day of Christmas season and Epiphany, will focus on the reading from Matthew's gospel of the Magi and spreading the Good News. In Old Barns that day, we will have a dedication as part of the service.

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Services Schedule

Jan 5 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Jan 12 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Jan 19 - 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

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.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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:

Who or what first brought you to your community of faith?

*invited; UCW invited me; lots of young families

*music and fellow community members

*born here, family culture; came to Baby Band with my mother

Reminder - Heads-up! It is that time of year again. You may email

Judy Loughead **Annual Reports** *before January 10th* at

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