

## *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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**December 29, 2024**

**Hilden Worship Service**

**Led by Sylvia Patterson & Worship Committee**

**Music provided by - Choir Members**

**Readers - Pam, Gladys, Donna, Gail**

**Prelude**

**Introit (VU #54 Vs 1)**     *"Unto Us a Boy Is Born"*

**Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge, Celebrations**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We may come here with hope, with joy, with pain, or with the heaviness of life.

**We come together to be renewed and to comfort each other.**

We come to find hope and to receive courage and strength for our daily journey.

**Like moths to a flame, let us gather around this candle, a light for the world in the life of Christ. Amen**

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

**Hymn (VU #19 2Xs)**     *"Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark"*

**Call to Worship**

**History & Carol (Pam)**

**(VU #60 Vrs 1, 3, 5)**     *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**Prayer of Approach**

**Storytime 'Customs'**

**History & Carol (Gladys)**

**(VU #36)**     *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

**A Prayer Poem 'Star Child'**

**History & Carol (Donna)**

**"His Name is Wonderful"**

*Words and Music: Audrey Mae Mieir, ©1974 Manna Music Inc.*

**His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful, His names is Won-der-ful,**

**Jes-us my Lord. He is the Might-y King, Mas-ter of ev-'ry-thing;**

**His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus my Lord. He's the Great She-**

**herd. The Rock of all ag-es. Al-might-y God is He. Bow down be-fore Him. Love and a-dore Him.**

**Reflection (Gail) 'Is Christmas Over'**

**History & Carol (Pam)**

**(VU #43)**     *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

**Prayers of the People**

**Choir Special Selection**     *"Another Year is Dawning"*

*by Frances Ridley Havergal, © 1874*

**Thank You for Memories and Memory Making**

**Commissioning / Benediction**

**Sung Response (VU #75 Vs 6)**

*"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

**Postlude**

**Lectionary Readings Next Year** - January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:rhenderson8@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** - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email [obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Hilden** - *Pam Henley* 902-953-1107 or email [phenley@bellaliant.net](mailto:phenley@bellaliant.net)

**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.

## **HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** - Sunday, **Annual Hilden Congregational General Meeting** following the church service.

## **OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> at [lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com)