

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 22, 2024

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Advent 4 - LOVE

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Elva Haggarty, (OB) Barb Miller

Prelude

Introit "Advent Song" (from The Gathering, Bev Brazier MacDermott U.C., Pool's Cove, Nfld. And Lab.)

Will you come, gather in?

There is love—all around us.

For the proud have been scattered

and the mystery has found us.

Will you come, gather in?

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Christmas Greetings

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

Hymn (VU #48) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Lighting of the Advent Candle - LOVE ()

Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Last week, we lit the first three candles in our Advent wreath, the candles that represent our hope, our desire for peace, and the joy of our hearts.

(The first three candles are lit.)

Today we light the fourth candle, the candle that represents love. We live in a world longing for unconditional love: a love that recognizes each one of us as a child of God, a love that welcomes us as we are, a love that celebrates all that we are.

Knowing the need for love in our own lives and in this dejected world, we light this candle as a symbol of love promised in the coming of Jesus. *(The fourth candle is lit.)*

Hymn (H) (MV #221) "I Am Walking a Path of LOVE"

(OB Choir) (Love Vs 4) "Hope Is A Candle" by Lennea Good

(OB) Special Music (Cindy Gilbert & Madi Stewart)

"Teach Me" by Blessing Tangban, Produced by Ekeyzondabate, © 2024

Story Time (Gary Saunders)

Special Music (H) "Before the Marvel of This Night" (VU #40)

(OB-Duet- Laurie Sandeson & Kent Loughhead)

"We Shall Prepare" Words and Arr. by Carl J. Nygard, Jr., © 2003, Howard Flammer Music

Hymn (VU #371, Vs 2 EARS) "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture Luke 1: 39-55

Sermon "Mary's Love"

Hymn (VU #14) "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

Music before prayer (VU #400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Anthem (OB) "As We Wait For Love's Arrival"

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Offertory Prayer and (VU #55, Vs 4) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Hymn (VU #38) "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response

(from The Gathering, Bev Brazier MacDermott U.C., Pool's Cove, Nfld. And Lab.)

May you go now in love.

You are held—in God's keeping.

In your hearts be deep knowing.

In your womb—be a leaping.

May you go now in love.

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

Dec 24 - 7:00 p.m. in Hilden - *Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy - Christmas Eve*

Dec 24 - 7:00 p.m. in Old Barns - *Led by Kent Loughead - Christmas Eve*

Dec 29 - 10:00 a.m. in Hilden - *led by Sylvia Patterson and Worship Committee, Old Barns - pre-taped service led by Barb Miller on the website*

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

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 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.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Poinsettia plant** at the front of the church is in **memory of Ron Ellis** placed by his family: *Noreen, Beth, Randy & Paula.*

Hilden November Financial Report

1st Month Balance		\$25798.29
Plus Receipts	3913.60	
Minus Expenses	4041.57	
End of Month Bank Bal.		\$25670.32
<u>Plus our Beans & Brown Bread Supper</u>		
Beans Supper	\$2308.60	
Plus Donations	386.50	
Total	\$2695.10	
Minus Expenses	-528.10	
Profit Total of	\$2167.00	

December 24th - Tuesday, **7:00 p.m.**, **Christmas Eve Service** led by *Rev. Phillip Kennedy.*

December 29th - Sunday, **10:00 a.m.**, Hilden Worship Service led by Sylvia Patterson and Worship Committee.

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

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24th, Tuesday, **7:00 p.m.**, **Christmas Eve Service** led by *Kent Loughead.*

December 29th - Sunday, pre-taped Old Barns Worship Service on the website only.

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 lougheadjd@gmail.com