



## Clifton Pastoral Charge 2021 Thanksgiving Letter

### Psalm 13

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!*

*Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.*

***But I trust in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.***

Happy Thanksgiving folk of the Clifton Pastoral Charge!

As I prepare to write this year's Thanksgiving letter, I await an announcement from Dr. Strang and read of 62 new COVID cases in Nova Scotia today alone! What an emotional rollercoaster we are all on!

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? Does it depend on the day and latest press release? Or is there any solid foundation from our faith on which we can stand?

Psalm 13 (above) came immediately to mind, and the question "*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?*" It is a great expression of how many of us often feel these days. And yet..., knowing that God is with us "in life, in death and in life beyond death" and having the faith that regardless of the latest happenings and news, God loves us, surely lets us proclaim:

*But I trust in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

It may be tough to see "the bountiful" and be thankful this year, but that is just what we are called to do, not only for our own mental and spiritual health, but for others. We need to be the light that pushes back the darkness. We need to trust God.

Please join us in giving thanks to God for the harvest and for the faith, hope and love that sustains us.

Blessings – Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Below are dates for up-coming services and events. Please join us!

**Note: for all services and events, you need to be double vaccinated.**

You need to **book your seat** for Sunday worship. Please call by Saturday noon:

Old Barns      902-890-4682 (Leslie)  
Hilden          902-897-4536 (Sylvia)

October 2 – (Old Barns) **“Push Back the Darkness”**  
an evening of bonfires and song in the field next to the church

October 3 – **World Wide Communion**  
9:30 a.m. in Old Barns  
11:00 a.m. in Hilden

October 10 – **Thanksgiving Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. in Hilden  
11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

October 13 – (Old Barns) **Walk with Me: A Spiritual Walk**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – check Oct 10 bulletin for location

October 14 – **Bible Study** on the Book of Mark using the book “Say, to This Mountain” by Ched Myers  
9:45 – 11:15 a.m. starting in Old Barns and alternating with Hilden each week

We have lots to look forward to with new folks joining the community, programs starting up again, and work on projects beginning from solar panels to a new walking trail for spiritual deepening (Old Barns).

We hope that Worship will soon be opening up and we hope that will mean that we will even be able to sing together inside. YEAH!

