

## 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.*

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**December 15, 2024**

**Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service**

**Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy**

**Advent 3 - JOY**

**Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members**

**Readers - (H) George Creelman, (OB) Donna Yuill**

### Prelude

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

**Will you come, gather in?**

**Come in joy and with rejoicing,  
with the poor and the lowly.**

**Songs of Life—we'll be voicing.**

**Will you come, gather in?**

### Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

### Celebrations and Birthdays

### Advent 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 #232)** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

### Lighting of the Advent Candle - JOY (Sandy & Garry Matthews)

Today is the third Sunday in Advent. Last week, we lit the first two candles in our Advent wreath, the candles that represent hope and peace.

*(The first two candles are lit.)*

Today we light the third candle, the candle that represents **joy**. We live in a world longing for joy; a joy based on the promises of God; that erupts into laughter and singing; a joy that opens a spirit blocked by disappointment, a joy that dreams of a different world.

**Knowing the need for joy in our own lives and in this miserable world, we light this candle as a symbol of joy promised in the coming of Jesus.**

*(The third candle is lit.)*

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

**(OB)** (JOY Vs 3) "Hope Is A Candle" by Lennea Good

### Story Time

**Special Music (H)** "Joy is Now in Every Place" (VU 45)

**(OB)** "Wait! Watch!" Words by Herb Frombach, Music by David Lantz III,  
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**Hymn (VU #371, Vs 2 EARS)** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**Scripture** Philippians 4: 4-13

**Sermon** "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

**Hymn (VU #249 Round)** "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

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

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

### Focus on Giving

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

**Hymn (VU #884)** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

### Commissioning / Benediction

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

**May you go now in joy.**

**Bearing fruit—worth the glory.**

**May God bring forth abundance,**

**bring us home—to the story.**

**May you go now in joy.**

### Postlude

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mitten Tree has been placed for all the knitted items.

### **Hilden Games and Cards**

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 1:00 pm

## OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Sunday, **Annual Old Barns Congregational General Meeting** following the church service.

Thank you to everyone involved in our Christmas event on Friday evening.

We had an excellent turnout for this very successful community event.

Approximately \$1400 was raised for the charitable institutions. Your involvement is greatly appreciated! --Reg

P. S. - Also, a big thank you to Choir members!

**A note from Gary Saunders** - Friday evening's music event was a masterful (but never self-promoting) performance! What would we do without you Reg? Keep up the good community-building work--and thank you for including me at a personally difficult time...

I drove home refreshed...

My praises to Santa for taking time to visit on such a busy schedule.

Almost wanted him to hug the child in me!

### **November 2024 Financial Report**

#### **Old Barns United Church**

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Bank Balance Nov 1,2024</b>  | <b>50,826.59</b> |
| Receipts                        | 3,992.38         |
| Expenses                        | 7,361.52         |
| <b>Bank Balance Nov 30,2024</b> | <b>47,457.45</b> |
| M&S                             | 908.00           |
| World Development               | 245.00           |
| Christmas M & S                 | 75.00            |
| Water of Life                   | 100.00           |

*Note our expenses were \$3,369.14 more than our Local offerings.*

*We still have to pay \$12,826.34 for the Church Steel Roof.*

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

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, **6:30pm**, Join us for a time of *Stories, Songs and Snacks* for **Christmas in the Barn**. (The Waugh's Barn, 3442, Lower Truro).

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Sunday, 2:00pm, **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting** in Old Barns.

On behalf of the Clifton Pastoral Charge, the Future Visioning Committee has purchased a gift from the **Gifts With Vision** catalogue as a **thank you to Sharon Ballantyne** for her message and workshop with us on Nov. 24th. The gift purchased was called Stable Income For Women Farmers at a \$100.00 value. An e-card was sent to Sharon from Gifts With Vision.

From the *Future Vision Workshop*: Here's what **you** said:

#### **What do you love best about being part of this church?**

\*Come as you are; singing, choir

\*the people, care and concern people have for one another, belonging and connection

**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)

**Lectionary Readings Next Week** - Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Advent 4 - *Love*

**Scriptures:** the Magnificat

**Theme:** Mary's love for Jesus and how it shaped him in preparation for his mission and ministry.

**Worship Services Schedule**

Dec 22 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - 4 *Advent - Love*

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 Loughhead - Christmas Eve*

Dec 29 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, Old Barns (*led by Barb Miller*) *pre-taped service on the website*

**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 etransfer 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

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**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.