



Second Sunday in Lent - B  
February 25, 2024

LENT

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old,  
the Lord appeared to him...”

*Genesis 17:1*

## **Welcome and announcements**

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Residential Schools.

Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday (Stat holidays on Mondays, the office is closed).

**In person Sunday School** is the 2nd and last Sunday of each month.

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations.

**Please join us for Social Time After Church** – If you wish to volunteer to help with Social time, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

**Chair Yoga** – **Every Monday at 11 a.m.** in the Church Hall. Plan to attend and bring your friends too!

**Anti-Bullying (Pink Shirt Day)** – **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Wear pink to support anti-bullying in Canada. The pink shirt symbolizes a stance against bullying.

**Book Study** – Monday, February 26th at 1 p.m. We will be starting a new book called “Shades of Light” by Sharon Garlough Brown. Books can be purchased from the Office.

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. This year we will be meeting at First Baptist Church, 73 Beckwith St. N., Smiths Falls. All are welcome!

**UCW Meeting** – Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Gather at 9:30 and meeting starts at 10 a.m.

**UCW Craft & Chat** – Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. to approx. 1 p.m. Come and join in with a craft, or just come and “chat”. Feel free to bring your lunch.

**Healing Pathways** – Healing Pathways is now on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. here at Trinity. On the fourth Wednesday of each month, it is a 1 p.m. at St. Paul’s in Perth. Call the office if your are interested in making an appointment at 613-283-4444.

**Donate a TV Monitor** – The TV monitor in the upper room is no longer working. If anyone has an extra TV monitor they are not using and would like to donate it, we would be very grateful. It is very necessary equipment for holding meetings and studies with those who attend remotely.

**Introit:** VU 54 "Unto Us a Boy is Born" vs. 1, 5

## **Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

## **Call to Worship**

## **Lenten Liturgy**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 245 “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**Following you brings joy.**

**We confess the way is sometimes hard for us.**

**There are times we settle for an easier way.**

**Some days we find the task of loving others hard.**

**Sometimes we choose anger over forgiveness, or ignore the needs of our neighbours.**

**Forgive us when our commitment waivers.**

**Forgive us when we take an easier path.**

**Stir the embers of our devotion and kindle a brighter flame.**

**Strengthen our determination to follow where you lead**

**and renew our energy to serve in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The Peace**

**Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Mark 8:31-38

February is **Black History (or African Heritage) Month**

### **African Heritage Month Vinette**

**Meditation:** "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" (The Johnson Brothers)

**Reflection:** What Have You Always Wanted?

**Hymn:** VU 574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

### **Offertory:**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Options:**

- On the table by the entrance to Church Hall
- E-transfers to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- Delivery to church office
- Through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

**Hymn:** VU 111 "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

### **Prayers of the People**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**EOORC Prayer Cycle:** Storrington Pastoral Charge  
Battersea United Church  
Inverary United Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:** Belgium, Luxembourg,  
Netherlands

Hospitality, Diversity, Justice do not end with words. They call us to awareness and respect. There are a variety of Faith Traditions represented in our world and community. Each celebrates and worships in their own ways and seasons. Over the course of the coming year, we will keep you informed of these different religions, beliefs and celebrations, so we may contribute to a broader culture of awareness, respect and support.

**We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love**

**Time for the Young**

**Hymn:** VU 109 "Now Quit Your Care"

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** Solace" (Joplin)

<b>Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity</b>	
Every Monday, 11:00am	Chair Exercise
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am (possible rebooking from time to time)	Property Team / Church Hall
Last Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 2:00pm	Van Horne Retirement Residence
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (Trinity)
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Second Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.	Christian Community Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (St. Paul's)
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Saturday, 1:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle