



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - B
January 14, 2024

“Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."”

John 1:48

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.

Looking Ahead

Stewardship – Once again, Giving Envelopes will **not** be ordered for 2024, as we have a surplus from previous years. Please, use what you have, making sure to change the date, and or number if applicable. Additional envelopes are available from the Office.

Congregational Meeting – Today following the morning service – Pursuant to the UCC 2023 Manual, B.5.4.2c, following the morning service we will have a short congregational meeting to approve a Pew Placement Plan before the pews are reinstalled in the sanctuary.

Potluck and Praise – **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6 p.m.** – This is a regular monthly event on the third Tuesday of each month. Please plan to join us!

Introit: VU 886 “Arise, Shine” (x two)

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VU 87 “I am the Light of the World”

Prayer of Confession:

**God of mercy and patience,
you call us to follow you
and offer us purpose and new possibilities.
Yet we often hesitate.
We are not sure what we have to offer.
We would prefer someone else to lead
then, maybe we will follow them.
Forgive us when we hesitate.
Help us trust what we have to offer in
Jesus’ name.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace:

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139 (VU861)
John 1:43-51

Hymn: VU 509 “Here I am, Lord”

Reflection: Quiet

Anthem: VU 82 “A Light is Gleaming”

Offertory:

Invitation to the Offering
Offering Prayer

Offering Options

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

Hymn: VU 333 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayers of the People

EOORC Prayer Cycle: Aylwin Pastoral Charge
Low United Church
Trinity United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman,
Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn: VU 79 “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Benediction:

Choral Amen

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Special Congregational Meeting

Opening the Court

It is in the name of Jesus that we declare our Congregational Meeting open for the conduct of business as presented in the Notice of Special Congregational Meeting, dated 31 December 2023.

Election of Chairperson

MOTION re Chairperson of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Operating Procedures of the Meeting

- a. Constitution of the Meeting:** That the meeting had been properly called in accordance with The United Church of Canada Manual, Sections B.5.1, B.5.2, B.5.3, B.5.4.
- b. Quorum:** That a quorum exists in accordance with The United Church of Canada Manual, Section B.5.5, which states, “for congregations of Pastoral Charges with 100 or more full members, at least 20 full members must be present”.
- c. Voting Process:** In accordance with The United Church of Canada Manual, Section B.5.6, which states: “Voting must be by show of hands unless the congregation or pastoral charge decides on another way of voting. Proxy voting or voting by mail-in ballots is not permitted”.

MOTION

d. Voting Entitlement:

- i. pursuant to section B.3.4.2. of the United Church of Canada Manual, the definition of an adherent is the responsibility of the governing body.
- ii. Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls defines an adherent as long standing, committed participants in the work and life of Trinity United Church who do not hold membership in another denomination.

MOTION

Adoption of Agenda for the Special Congregational Meeting of Trinity United Church, Smiths Fall on 14 January 2024.

MOTION

Placement of Pews – A proposed plan will be based on the Spiritual Practice of Hospitality when “Hospitality” is taken to include Accessibility and Comfort. As a result, there will be two draft motions presented, which after discussion may be adjusted.

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn