



First Sunday after the Epiphany - B  
January 7, 2024

“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”

*Genesis 1:1*

## **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. \*Please note that Sunday School is cancelled for the remainder of December and will resume on January 14, 2024, second Sunday of the 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.

**UCW Potluck** – **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, gathering at 9:30 a.m. We are having our postponed Christmas Potluck, including UCW from Bethel United as our special guests, along with staff. We also will be doing a re-gift exchange.

**Congregational Meeting** – **Sunday, January 14, 2024** – 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:** “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

**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:** “We Three Kings”

**Prayer of Confession:**

God of majesty and mercy,  
we confess things we have done knowingly  
things we have left undone;  
hurts inflicted unintentionally  
hurts we have tried to disguise.

selfish things we have done to please others,  
and those just to please ourselves.

In the year ahead,  
help us choose a better way.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**The Peace**

**Scripture:** Genesis 1: 1-5  
Psalm 29 (VU756)  
Mark 1:4-11

**Meditation:** “While Shepherds Watched Their  
Flocks” (arr. Young)

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** “The Huron Carol” (Crystal Shawanda)

## **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 81 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

## **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** – “Millennium Lord’s Prayer”  
(Cliff Richard) – Sung by Choir

**EOORC Prayer Cycle** Glen Cairn United  
Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** Iran, Iraq, Syria

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

**Time for the Young**

**Hymn:** VU 59 “Joy to the World”

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** “The Three Kings” (arr Young)