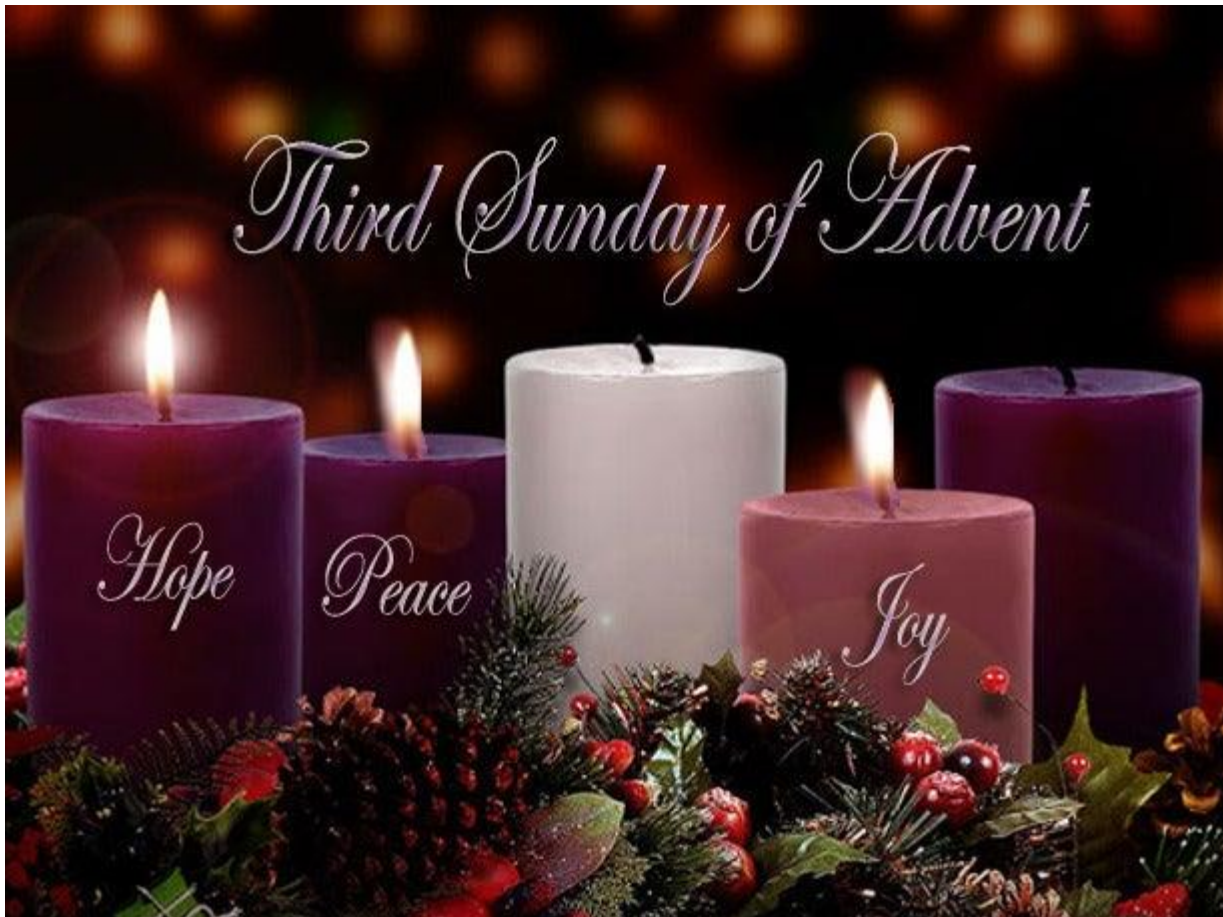


Sunday, December 15, 2024



Welcome and Announcements † Trinity is
Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible. – Trinity
is an Affirming Congregation

**Special thanks to our guest speaker, Charlotte Hoy,
who is leading our service today.**

Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday
through Thursday (Closed on Statutory Holidays).
Please note that the office will be **closed** on Dec. 25th,
26th and Jan. 1st. All other regular hours will apply
during the holidays.

Our advent Candle lighting prayer is from “The True Gift Lives On: Christmas Poetry, Prayers, and Blessings.” *(Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, and is used with permission)*

Please join us for Social Time After Church in the Fellowship Hall – 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.

In person Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of each month. **Please note that the last Sunday School prior to the Christmas season will be today, Dec. 8th. Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, January 12th.**

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Offering Options

Trinity has several ways in which to offer our financial gifts for the life and work of the church, by...

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca

delivery to church office

through Trinity’s website DONATE button

and by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Please note, that our offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary, and though they remain there, we intentionally offer our gifts to God.

Christmas Eve – “Lessons and Carols” - Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

How You Can Help (from the Ministry and Personnel Committee) – The workload of our secretary and media editor has increased *substantially* since Rev. Christopher’s retirement and the busiest season is yet to come. You can help by emailing announcements and drafts of services to **both** Andrea secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca and Patty worshipleader1@msn.com **by noon of the Monday before the service.** Please note that emailing is preferred, but if need be, you can phone the office at 613-283-4444.

Cookie Sale – Today is the final Sunday to purchase your cookies for your Christmas celebration!
– We will be selling cookies following the morning services.

“In Celebration Cards” – If you make a donation to any of the following ministries or initiatives, donation cards are available for your use, in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall:

Trinity United Church General Fund

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Lanark County Interval House

Multifaith Housing Initiative

Smiths Falls Police Services (mittens, hats, socks drive)

White Gift Sunday on Dec. 15th for Salvation Army Christmas Hampers.

In support of a request from the Smiths Falls Police Service, we started collecting hats, socks, and mittens (knitted or otherwise) which are being handed out by officers or their MCRT team. Thank you all for your

donations! We delivered 111 hats, 5 scarves/neck warmers, 3 headbands, 11 pairs of socks, 1 pair of mittens and 1 pair of gloves. **We will continue to collect these items through the winter months.** If you do not knit, purchased items are acceptable. Due to hygienic and allergy reasons, only brand-new items from smoke free homes will be accepted. There is a basket in the sanctuary to collect items. Thank you everyone!

Chair Yoga – Come and join in on the final class prior to the holidays, on December 16th at 11:00 a.m. Classes begin again on Monday, Jan. 6th at 12:00 noon. A reminder that the first Monday of each month, the class is at 12:00 noon and the rest of the month it is at 11:00 a.m.

Amnesty International “Write for Rights” – There is still time to be involved - Drop in today between 1 and 3 p.m., following the morning service. This event is hosted by Trinity United Church, 41 Market St. N. in Smiths Falls. Every year, around Human Rights Day, people all over the world send messages of protest to end human Rights abuses and message of hope to those who are suffering. These words change lives. Please join us!!

Lanark Interval House – We continue to pack a parcel for Interval House for Christmas. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance-free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the entrance to the Church. Last day for donations

is today (December 15th). Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

Hymns are not announced but are listed in the bulletin and are projected on the screen. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit when we sing, and the choir will guide you.

Introit: You are invited to sing along, remain seated

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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 *(Gathering 2021/22, pg. 30. David Sparks, used with permission)*

Hymn: VU 28 "Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness"
(tune VU 36)

Lighting the Advent Candle: —Joy (pink candle)

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Understanding

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

Choir Anthem: "We Are The Stars"
(Grunewald)

Reflection: J is for ?

Hymn: VU 46 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (Tune to Good King Wenceslas)

Mission Minute: Giving Gifts with Vision

Offertory

Hymn: VU 47 “Still, Still, Still”

Prayers of the People *(Presbyterian Worship resource, adapted, used with permission)*

The Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

Hymn: VU 43 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Commissioning (Sung) *(Gathering 2024, A/C/E, Year C, page 59, Bev Brazier, used with permission. Tune is the chorus of MV #79 “Spirit Open My Heart” WILD MOUNTAIN THYME.)*

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: “While By My Sheep”

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Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

First Monday, 12:00 noon Remaining Mondays, 11am	Chair Yoga (Cancelled Dec. 2 nd)
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Study - Start Date to be determined
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW – 9:30 a.m. (Gather at 9 am)
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 – discontinued until further notice
First Tuesday, 2:00pm	Service at Van Horne Residence – (UCW coffee/tea time following service)
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (Trinity) – starts on Wed., Dec. 4 th (for month of Dec. meeting has changed to Mon., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.)
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 1:00pm	Healing Pathway (St. Paul's)
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion – discontinued temporarily
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle