



4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22, 2024



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

† Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday
through Thursday (Closed on Statutory Holidays)

Today's service is being led by the members of the
church's Ministry and Personnel Committee – the
group that supports good communication between the
staff and the congregation.

**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 and starts again on Sunday, January 12th following the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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

Our offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary and aren't passed hand to hand since COVID and they aren't brought forward.

"In Celebration Cards" – If you make a donation to any of the following ministries or initiatives, donation cards are available 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.

Gifts with Vision – In thinking about the upcoming Christmas season, Gifts with Vision is an excellent

way to support those less fortunate such as providing a secure supply of food, fresh and clean water, reliable power, a social support network, clean laundry, and much more. Please visit www.giftswithvision.ca to view the many initiatives that Gifts with Vision is involved with.

Chair Yoga – Classes will begin again on Monday, Jan. 6th.

Healing Pathways will be on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity. Please call the church office to set up an appointment at 613-283-4444.

Hymns are not announced before we sing them. They are noted in the bulletin and projected. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for all hymns unless otherwise indicated.

Introit: You are invited to sing along, remain seated
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Acknowledging Traditional Territory

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

Lighting the Advent Candle: — Love (*Blue Candle*) *(“the True Gift Lives On: Christmas Poetry, Prayers, and Blessings”. Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, used with permission)*

Hymn: VU 54 “Unto Us a Boy is Born”

Opening Prayer

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5
Luke 1:39-45

Choir Anthem: “Silent Night” (Moore)

Reflection: Carol Williams – “The Encouragement of Love”

Hymn: VU 9 “People, Look East”

Mission Story: A Place to Thrive

Offertory

Hymn: VU 8 “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

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

The Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn: VU 50 “He Is Born”

Command of St. Augustine

Commissioning: *To be 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: “Unto Us A Boy is Born (Young)”

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

First Monday, 12:00 noon Remaining Mondays, 11am	Chair Yoga (Starts again on January 6 th at 12 noon)
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, 1:30pm	Healing Pathway (Trinity)
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