



# Trinity United Church

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**January 26, 2025**

Third Sunday After Epiphany

**Ecumenical Sunday**

Chinese New Year: January 29, 2025—Year of the Snake



**"Kue Keranjang Chinese New Year Cake"**

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*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else  
You never know how you will Bless them)*

## **Welcome:**

† 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)

† Please remember that **Rev. Takouhi's weekend** is Monday and Tuesday. If Monday is a Statutory Holiday, the weekend includes Wednesday.

† If you wish to meet with **Rev. Takouhi** please call or e-mail to book an appointment: **613-777-0880** – [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)

*Welcome,*



***as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family.***

***Welcome Home!***

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**WE GATHER AS AN EPIPHANY PEOPLE**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Introit: "Gather Us In" - *More Voices #7***

**Land Acknowledgement**

## **Spiritual Focus:**

*"God Invites us to be part of God's fulfillment of God's Promises. Today. Tomorrow. And the next day. And the Next Day. And the Next..."*

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**



## **Call to Worship (Responsive)**

## **Hymn of Wonder: Voices United #87**

*"I Am the Light of the World"*



## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

## **Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup> (in unison):**

We thank you for the many colours, cultures, and customs that we share in this world.

In our differences, unite us by your love.

Enable us to act together to uphold life

and to make this world a just and peaceful household for all humanity.

Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us your peace.

**Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> <https://united-church.ca/prayers/our-differences-unite-us> - January 19, 2025

## **Hymn of Illumination: More Voices #154**

*"Deep in Our Hearts"*



## **Scripture: Gospel of Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)**

Scripture Reader: **Jo-Anne Chin**

**Meditation:** *"Whispering Hope"* Hawthorne

**Life Lesson:** *"Connecting...**Changes EVERYthing...**"*

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

## **Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #6 (Vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5)**

*"Holy Spirit Come Into Our Lives"*

## **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

## **The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Spoken)**

(Alternate Version from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

## **Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story)**

London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents



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## **Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:**

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

***"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."***

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**Time for the Young  
&  
Young at Heart**



**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD  
TO BE THE CHURCH**

## **Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #575**

*"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me*

## **Commissioning & Benediction**

## **Choral Amen**

## **Postlude: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick**

## **Shine, Jesus Shine**

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## **Announcements**

**Please join us for Social Time after Worship 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.

**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](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity's website DONATE button
- and by PAR

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### **Healing Pathways**

Going forward sessions are to be held on the third Wednesday of each month here at Trinity United. Appointments start at 2:00 p.m. Our next session will be

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025.** Please call the church office to set up an appointment at 613-283-4444.

### **It's Cold Out There!**

**Trinity Connectors** (Trinity's Outreach and Social Justice Team) has put together a team to walk on **February 22, 2025** in Smiths Falls for the **Coldest Night Fundraiser** to support Lanark County Cornerstone Landing. We have a team of six members walking. Go to <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5471875&langPref=en-CA> to donate or go to [Home - Coldest Night of the Year 2025 Canada](#) and click on donate and put in Trinity Connectors and it will take you to their team page to donate. Thank you!!

### **Big Brothers and Sisters Bowl for Kids – Feb. 22, 2025**

Rainbow 101, who meet at Trinity on a monthly basis, have set up a Rainbow 101 Team. If you wish to donate, you can do so at [www.zeffy.com/en-CA/team/rainbow--101](http://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/team/rainbow--101) Please ensure you have a double dash between rainbow and 101 or you will not be able to access the site. Thank you!!

### **Free Hot Chicken Stew Lunch – Wednesday, February 19**

As part of the Outreach and Social Justice Team Casserole Ministry, there will be a free hot chicken stew lunch here at trinity at 1:00 p.m. It is for pickup only and all are welcome!

**Thank you!** - Trinity has received a thank you letter from the **Multifaith Housing Initiative** for our financial support in 2024. A copy of the letter has been posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the Church Hall.

**A reminder from Stewardship:**

When donating to Trinity in memory of someone, please direct it to the General Fund. Also, you may want to donate in honour of someone, such as a Special Birthday, etc.

*Thanks!*

***Coming this Week at Trinity...***

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| <b>Sunday, January 26</b><br><b>1:00pm - Gym</b>  | <b>Lanark Drum Circle</b>   |
| <b>Monday, January 27</b><br><b>11:00am – 12:00pm</b>   | <b>Office 9am – 1pm</b><br><b>Chair Yoga</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, January 28</b>  | <b>Office 9am – 1pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday, January 29</b><br><b>9:30am – Downstairs Parlor</b><br><b>7:00pm – Upper Room</b> | <b>Office 9am – 1pm</b><br><b>Bible Study – All Are Welcome</b><br><b>Monthly Council Meeting</b> |
| <b>Thursday, January 30</b>   | <b>Office 9am – 1pm</b>   |
| <b>Friday, January 31</b>   | <b>Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, February 1</b>   | <b>Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, February 2</b><br><b>10:30am Worship</b>   | <b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi</b>                                       |