



Trinity United Church

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January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas & Epiphany Sunday



<https://elements.envato.com/camel-caravan-PHM34HF>

(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)

† If you wish to meet with **Rev. Takouhi** please make sure to contact her for an appointment: **613-777-0880** – revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

Announcements:

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.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations.

Request from the Property Team – Please help us keep the Sanctuary clean. In the absence of Bud, who normally cleans up after services, our pews are being littered with bulletins, tissues and other debris. Please discard these items in the recycle bin and garbage can in the coat room outside the Sanctuary. Much appreciated!!

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.

UCW Meeting – Monday, January 6th

Gather at 9 am and meeting starts at 9:30. Please note that **Chair Yoga** will start at noon on the 6th, but the remainder of the month it will at 11 am.

Today, we are pleased to be welcoming Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro as our minister. We will be having a finger-food luncheon following the morning service.

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF LIGHT

Introit: *"Three Wise Men, Wise Men Three"* (Choir)

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Spiritual Focus: *"Epiphany: Sacred Wisdom Guiding Us in the Dark Places of Life..."*

Call to Worship (Responsive): Isa. 60:1

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Behold the glory of the Lord.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn of Wonder: Voices United #87

"I Am the Light of the World"

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

A Prayer for Epiphany & Understanding (All):

Holy One, we come before you as we are.

In Your Great Light seeking guidance and in Your Love seeking Grace. Sometimes we are afraid to go to a new place that you are sending us to go. As the Magi followed the Star and found Your Gift. Help us follow Your Guidance to the Heart of Your Presence. May the Road be apparent to us even in the dusty, dark desert of confusion.

May we be alert to your voice and go the Way you want us to go. We want to live with Integrity, Truth and Wisdom.

We pray in the name of the Light of the World. **Amen**

(A Prayer for Epiphany – by Rev. Takouhi – "The True Gift Lives ON" (page 52).

Scripture: Gospel of Matthew 2:1-16 (NRSV)

Anthem: "Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

Life Lesson: *"Home By Another Way..."*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn of Hope & Wonder: *"We Three Kings"*

Prayers of Hope and Healing
The Lord's Prayer (Spoken - All)



Hymn of Epiphany: Voices United #82

"A Light Is Gleaming"

Mission Story – Your Generosity Matters

The new year is a time to continue to care for one another and the world around us. *Published On: December 12, 2024*

A Time of Reflection

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Offertory Prayer)

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

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #96

"Will You Come and See the Light"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Star of the East"

Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

First Monday, 12:00 noon, Remaining Mondays, 11am, Cancelled on Stats	Chair Yoga
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	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)
Fourth 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) – discontinued temporarily
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