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Ministers: *All of God's People* **Church Musician:** *Michael Fenn*
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December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas



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† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and
an Affirming Congregation. *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!

WE GATHER AS ADVENT PEOPLE

Prelude: – Michael Fenn

(We prepare our hearts for worship)

Welcome /Land Acknowledgement ~Norma Wrightly



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Spiritual Focus:

"Where do you see angels and shepherds?"



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Lighting of the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle



Call to Worship & Opening Prayer *Gathering 2013, Yr. A, pg. 29, Elaine Bridgood Sweet, in pat and Gathering 2010, Yr. A, pg. 35 Laura Turnbull, adapted. Used with permission.*

We gather with those who have seen the signs, heard the whispers, felt the tugs in their hearts. We gather with those who have seen the glimmers of light.

ALL: The light of love is born into our world. Let us worship with hearts open to God.

One: Let us join our hearts in prayer.

Tender God, you touch us with the soft coos of a baby and the sense of awe of new life. Our lives are transformed because of the gift of Jesus, the Christ.

Each year we celebrate his birth and acknowledge the timeless impact of his life and ministry. Empower us to live the ever-new account of Christ's life. Amen.

(We stand in body and/or spirit)

Hymn of Praise: - Voices United #60

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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(Please be seated)

Lighting the Candles

(Please Remain Seated)



Candle Lighting Hymn:

Voices United #7

"Hope is a Star" (v. 1-5)

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of Understanding (All): *Westminster John Knox Press, Feasting on the Word©
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Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, help us, like Mary, to treasure the words we hear today and ponder them in our hearts; through Jesus, your Word made flesh.

AMEN

Scripture Reader:

Luke 2: 7-20 (The Living Bible)



Choir Anthem

Life Lesson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

The Prayer Request Box is brought forward as we sing the next hymn.

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United 73

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

✚ Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's Prayer Cycle

**We lift up Lakeshore Drive United Church, Morrisburg–
Pastoral Charge**

✚ World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle

**We lift up the people and the land of Japan, North Korea,
South Korea...**

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Sung)

Voices United #960

Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) –

Brenda King

Rooted in Hope as a New Year Begins

Published On: November 18, 2025



Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

The Offertory Plate is brought forward as we sing the Doxology

Offertory Song: Tune OLD ONE HUNDRED ("Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (ALL):

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Gifted by your grace, we offer you what you have given us, O God, and pray that these gifts may be used for the sharing of love, the doing of justice, and the giving of peace. Amen

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD AS ADVENT PEOPLE

Announcements:

Community of Faith in Action

(Please stand as in body and/or Spirit)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #62

"Once in Royal David's City"

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction *Gathering 2010, Yr. A, pg. 37, Bob Root. Used with permission.*

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ALL: With Christmas in our hearts, and the star of the future to lead us, in the midst of a community of faith as citizens of God's world, we go now to see the face of God everywhere. May we bring the kindness of God to everyone we meet.



Now may the true light shine on you.
May Emmanuel, God with us, be your guide and strength.
May you go in peace and live in hope,
In Jesus name. Amen

Choral Amen

Postlude: Musical Improvisations

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Announcements: Community of Faith in Action

† Trinity's building is **open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday - (Closed on Statutory Holidays)**

✚ **Trinity United Church** endeavours to be scent free environment for the well-being of ALL people. There are many who are sensitive to scent. Help us keep the air we share healthy for everyone.



Your Financial Contributions in Support of God's Ministries: **Thank you for your generosity.**

There are many ways you can partner up with **God's Dream** for this world through **Trinity United Church** and help make a difference. You may share your **gifts, time and talent**.

If you choose to make a financial gift you may do:

✚ by cheque. Deliver in Person or mail cheque to church office:

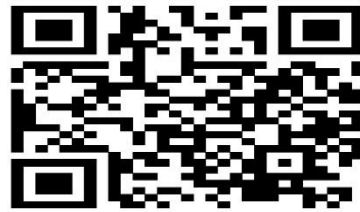
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✚ by E-transfers to **secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca**

✚ by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301>

Or you can scan this QR code:



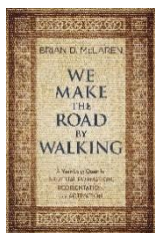
✚ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

✚ **A note from Stewardship** – We will be accepting donations for the tax year 2025 up to and including Sunday, January 4th. Please note that your donation must be dated no later than December 31st, 2025 to be included on your 2025 tax receipt.

✚ **Choir recognition on January 11, 2026:** Come and join us as we celebrate our Choir! We will recognize their ministry during worship and enjoy their company at a finger-food luncheon following the service. All are welcome.

✚ **"Fight the Winter Blues Community Food Box"** - *If you are adding to the community food box: here is the list of items we are collecting this week. **Juices, ketchup/mustard, Kleenex, pickles.** Please drop off to back of Sanctuary anytime the office is open OR bring with you on **Sunday, January 4th**. Extra copies of the list can be found on the table at the back of the church and is posted on the front door. If you made up a family box of your own, please bring to the Church Sanctuary by January 4th. We will deliver to the food bank the week of January 5, 2026!*

✚ **Wednesday mornings: Bible study @ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**



Wednesday, January 7, we will reflect on chapters 15 & 16.

"We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" by, Brian McLaren.

✚ **Wednesday, January 7, at 4:30 p.m. SLT (Spiritual Leadership & Christian Community Team – Chair, Norma Wrightly)** will hold their next meeting. Do you ever wonder what the SLT/CC does in the Life of the Church? **This is your opportunity to discover**

✚ **Healing Pathway** -Available for anyone wanting some comfort and support; especially, for expectant and new mothers. Next session is **January 21st, but please register by January 15th**. To book a short introductory session or a full-length session call 613-283-444 or email secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca.

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, Dec. 29.2025	Office Open – 9 am to 1 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025	Office Open – 9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve	Office Open – 9 am to 1 pm
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 – New Year's Day	Office Closed
Friday, Jan. 2, 2026	Office Closed
Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026	Office Closed
Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026 Worship – Leader: Rev. Takouhi Epiphany Sunday - Armenian Christmas	Office Closed 10:30 am

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