



Trinity United Church

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January 18, 2026 - *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan.18–25, 2026



Photo by: Rev. Takouhi – Sep. 28, 2018

† 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!***

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

WE GATHER AS UNITED PEOPLE AND STILL UNITING

Prelude - Musical Improvisation

(We prepare our hearts for worship)

Welcome / Birthdays & Celebrations

Land Acknowledgement



*(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and
Justice – The United Church of Canada)*

Spiritual Focus

*"There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"
(Ephesians 4:4).*



Lighting of the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle



Call to Worship

(We stand in body and/or spirit)

Hymn of Praise: Voices United #79

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): Isa. 49:6; 1 Cor. 1:4, 8

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world,
so that all may know the brightness
of your love.

Fill us with your grace this day
that we too may bear witness to his
light
and serve your coming reign.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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WE SEEK WISDOM

Time with Youth & Young at Heart

Geghard Monastery

Built by Two Young Siblings



Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #376

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Scripture Reader: *Linda Daniluk*

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Ephesians 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Reader: Here ends today's readings.

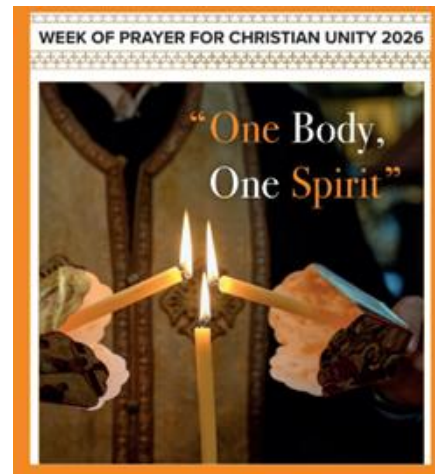
May God add understanding to our hearing.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Life Lesson:

"One Body, One Spirit..."



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: More Voices # 82

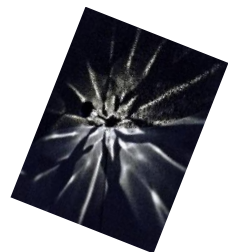
"Bathe Me In Your Light"

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's Prayer
Cycle We lift – **Greenwood Pastoral Charge**

**The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (in
Armenian) – Rev. Takouhi**



Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) – Brenda King

Mountains of Service

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Offertory Song: TLUS # 3

"A Whisper From the Universe"

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Invitation to Give as Able – Supporting God's Ministries through our gifts, time and talent:

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

The Offertory Plate is brought forward as we sing the Doxology

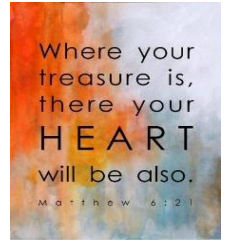
Doxology: Voices United # 541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (ALL) –

Holy One, we give for your purpose and glory because you gave to us first, abundantly. Help our financial gifts, time and talents open the doors in this world to let Your Love enter in and transform this world to the better.



Take our gifts, small and large sanctify and multiply them for the purpose of Love and Love alone. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD AS EPIPHANY PEOPLE

Announcements: **Community of Faith in Action**



(Please stand as in body and/or Spirit)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #602

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Blessing:

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)**

✚ If you need to meet with Rev. Takouhi please contact her directly to make an appointment. Rev. Takouhi's schedule is fluid and changes in a moment's notice. She might be at Bible Study, then run off to Palliative Care Unit at any given hospitals or be in a Worship Planning Meeting or doing a Chapel Service at one of the four residences in and around Smiths Falls. So, please, e-mail her to make an appointment

revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca or call her confidential home office phone number – 613-777-0880



+ **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.

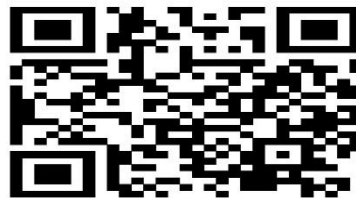
+ **Your Financial Contributions in Support of God's Ministries:**
Thank you for your generosity.

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:
Trinity United Church - 41 Market St N, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2E7
- + by E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- + by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.


<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301> or scan this QR code:



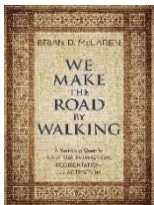
- + by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

Trinity's Monthly Food Bank Challenge


A new year is upon us and we will continue to collect specific items for the Smiths Falls Community Food Bank. For the month of January, we will be collecting the following: Canned Vegetables, Canned Tomatoes and Soups. Please check expiry dates. Your donations help fight food insecurity in our community. The numbers are in for Trinity's Fight the Winter Blues Food Bank Challenge and we collected 325 items for the month of December. Thank you to all who participated in helping fight food insecurity for our most vulnerable community members and for your continued support!

 **Are You Looking for Bible Study time that is NOT on regular work hours?** Starting, Today, January **18, 2026**, Rev. Takouhi is offering to commence V.I.B.E. (Venturing in Biblical Education) 1-2:30 p.m. in her office. If you are interested join her... Today's session is to decide the Way Forward.
revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

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



Bible Study January 21 - We will explore Chapter: 18. "We Make the Road by walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" by, Brian McLaren.

 **Wednesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. Council Meeting.**

Do you ever wonder what the Council does in the Life of the Church? **This is your opportunity to discover – Join us to**

Observe and Prayerfully consider to Join one of the Teams – Consider this your Call to Serve Invitation.



Call to Serve as Chair of Outreach and Social Justice Team

As of the annual congregation meeting in March, the Outreach and Social Justice Team will require a Chair Person. The chairperson must be a member of the United Church of Canada in order to serve on Council. The Chair is automatically a member of Council. Please prayerfully consider serving this important committee. To learn more about what Outreach and Social Justice do, please see the two trifold boards in the coatroom beside the elevator upstairs. Please talk to Patty Agnew if you are interested.

Note: *There are other committees also looking for Chair Persons – Trustees and Stewardship (talk to Bob Swan if interested in either one). We also need a Treasurer (talk to Jan Montgomery if interested).*

Bulletin Sponsors for January 18, 2026

In Celebration of	Given by
<i>Grandsons, Carter and Daniel</i>	<i>With love Grandma Wrightly</i>

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, January 19 – Office Chair Yoga	9 am – 1 pm 11 am – noon
Tuesday, January 20 - Office	9 am – 1 pm
Wednesday, January 21 – Office Bible Study Healing Pathway (Call office to book) Council Meeting	9 am – 1pm 10 am – 11:30 a.m. 2:00 pm 7 p.m.
Thursday, January 22 – Office	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday, January 23	Office Closed
Saturday, January 24	Office Closed
Sunday, January 25 Sunday School Worship Third Sunday After Epiphany	Office Closed 10:30 am

Cover Photo - Geghard Monastery, also known as Ayrivank, is situated in Kotayk Province, in the village of Goght. It is located on the right bank of the Azat River (Freedom River) and is one of the few spiritual landmarks in Armenia that seamlessly integrates with the surrounding cliffs. The monastery earned the name Ayrivank due to its 140 cave cells carved into the rock formations.



Every year, Christians from a different host country choose the theme and prepare draft texts for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). For this year, 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the Inter-Church Relations' Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

It is an honour for the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church to be highlighted during this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The title of the service, *Light from Light for Light* is inspired by the attribute of Christ adopted by the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed, the monumental touchstone of all Christians, whose 1700th anniversary we commemorated last year. Christ is 'Light from the Light'. But the Anointed One was sent into this world with a mission: to shine God's Light into this troubled world, and to bring us into loving communion with each other and with God. Thus, 'Light from Light for Light'.

It is also noteworthy that Armenia became the first nation to declare Christianity as its official religion, through the efforts of St Gregory when he converted the pagan King Trdat in the year 301AD. St Gregory is known as 'the Illuminator' because he brought the Light of Christ to the Armenian people through baptism of the Holy Spirit in the name of the Holy Trinity.

The faithful of the Armenian Church are grateful for the prayers of all of the churches during this year. May the Holy Spirit open our hearts wide to perceive more vividly the radiant light of Almighty God's love for his children, the grim disgrace of our division, and the blazing urgency for us to rekindle the light of Christian reconciliation, as we thank God always for the boundless compassion and mercy of the 'Light from Light'.