



## Trinity United Church

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**January 25, 2026 - Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Jan. 18–25, 2026**



*Photo by: Rev. Takouhi – Haghartsin Monastery, Armenia - Sep. 26, 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

*"Selfless acts of kindness, compassion, and justice towards others is true Worship."*



## **Lighting of the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle**



## Call to Worship (Responsive) Isa. 9:2; Matt. 4:16

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(We stand in body and/or spirit)*

## Hymn of Praise: Voices United #331

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

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*(Please be seated)*

**Prayer of the Day<sup>1</sup> (All):**

O Christ, True Light of the world,  
make my soul worthy to see the light of your glory  
with joy on the day of my calling,  
and to rest with the hope of good things  
in the house of the righteous,  
until the day of your great coming.  
Have mercy upon your creation,  
and on me, a great sinner.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
Now and always and unto the ages of ages.  
Amen.

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #376**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

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**Scripture Reader: Sandy Rankin**

Reader: Let us listen to the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Prophet Isaiah. (58:6-11)**

Reader: Here ends today's readings.

May God add understanding to our hearing.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Canadian resources, Reflections and Prayers for the Eight Days

## Ministry of Music

### Life Lesson:

*“God’s Light shines for All People...”*



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### **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 (Responsive)**

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council’s Prayer Cycle

**We lift – Rideau Park Pastoral Charge**

### **Prayer: Adapted from St Gregory of Narek**

One: Gracious Lord, God of all, Guide for the lost,  
Light for those in darkness.

**All: Our eyes turn to you, hear our prayers.**

One: May the sun of your glory shine forth, giving life and light to  
all, from the East to the West, and  
from the North to the South.

**All: Let the morning rays of your eternal spring awaken us**

**who await your coming.**

One: O Jesus Christ, Light from the Light, dwell within us,  
who have come together to worship your holy  
and precious name.

**All: Let your life-giving radiance kindle within us  
a deeper love for one another.**

One: May your brilliant light stir us to ever more flourishing unity.  
Like diverse flowers in the garden of your kingdom,  
may your divine brilliance cause us to bloom in harmony.

**All: And so, all as one, may we always joyfully praise and  
glorify you, and the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and  
always and unto the ages of ages. Amen<sup>2</sup>.**

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

### **Voices United #960**

### **Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) – Brenda King**

### **Where Neighbours Meet**

### **Offertory Song: TLUS # 3**

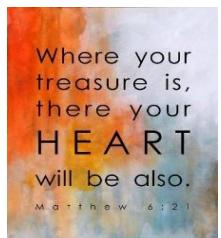
***“A Whisper From the Universe”***

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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-**

*Sung in Armenian by Rev. Takouhi once and Congregation joins in English as a second verse.*

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD AS EPIPHANY PEOPLE**

### **Announcements: Community of Faith in Action**



### **Time with Youth & Young at Heart**

*Lessons from our Sunday School...*

*(Please stand as in body and/or Spirit)*

## **Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #678**

*"For the Healing of the Nations"*

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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. Please, e-mail or call her to make an appointment [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca) 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](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)

⊕ by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.



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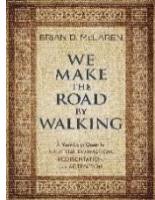
⊕ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

### **Trinity's Monthly Food Bank Challenge for February**

For the month of February, we will be collecting dry pasta and pasta sauce. Please check expiry dates. Your donations help fight food insecurity in our community. Thank you!

⊕ Six Individuals met for **V.I.B.E** last Sunday. There were many amazing ideas to help us grow in our faith. We have decided to read, **"We Can Be Brave: How We Learn to Be Brave in Life's Decisive Moments"** by **Mariann Edgar Budde**. With Study questions prepared by our own **Moderator, Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath**. **This will be a 7-week study group, starting Sunday, Feb. 8, 1-2:30 p.m.** If you are still interested to join, there is always room for more. **Contact Rev. Takouhi:** [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)

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



**Bible Study January 21 - We will explore Chapter: 19.** "We Make the Road by walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" by, Brian McLaren.

 **Call to Serve as team members or Chair Persons for 2026/2027**

As of the annual congregation meeting in March, there are several committees looking for Team members and Chairpersons. Please prayerfully consider the various opportunities and talk to the individuals currently participating. The committees looking for Chair Persons are Outreach and Social Justice; Trustees; Stewardship and Treasurer.

**UCW Meeting – Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gather at 9:00 for the meeting which will start at 9:30.** For those who also go to Chair Yoga, please note that it will be starting at 12 noon instead of 11 a.m.

**February 22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent,** we will be welcoming new Full Members to this small but courageous Community of Faith. Are you interested to call Trinity United Church Your Spiritual Home Address? Contact Rev. Takouhi before **Feb. 8 –** [\*\*revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca\*\*](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)

 **Self-guided Lenten Study: February 18—April 2, 2026**

We will be placing a bulk order of the United Church of Canada's new Lenten Study Guide: "***Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living***" (2026). In this six-week series, join Rev. Christine Jerrett as she uses this United Church's new Devotional Book, to guide a time of reflection and discussion on food and hunger throughout Lent. If you wish to purchase a copy, please, place your order with the church office at 613-283-4444. Cost is **\$17.29 plus**

**tax and shipping. Or** if you wish to join an on-line study with the Rev. Christine Jerrett, you must register for ChurchX at <http://churchx.ca> and sign up for the study. Please call the church office if you need assistance with this process. It will be held on **Tuesdays at 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET, February 24 - March 31, 2026.** The cost is \$39.00 and includes a downloadable PDF of the book.

 **Honour a loved one by helping to sponsor a bulletin**

We will be continuing the bulletin sponsorship throughout the year. There are forms on the table at the back of the church that you can complete, and include in your offering envelope or contact the office via email or in person with the details. In order to keep these affordable, multiple people may sponsor the same bulletin. The cost is \$20.00 per memory or celebration.

 **2025 Tax Receipts**

If you donated to Trinity in 2025, your tax receipt is available today. Please be sure to pick it up on your way out.

## ***This Week at Trinity...***

<b>Monday, January 26 – Office</b>	<b>9 am – 1 pm</b>
<b>Chair Yoga</b>	<b>11 am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 27 - Office</b>	<b>9 am – 1 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 28– Office</b>	<b>9 am – 1pm</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10 am – 11:30 am</b>
<b>Thursday, January 29 – Office</b>	<b>9 am – 1 pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 30</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, January 31</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, February 1</b>  <b>Worship</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>



***Cover Photo*** - Haghartsin Monastery - the name of Haghartsin from the words khaghats' 'moved around, played' and artsiv 'eagle'.

*In 2011, Haghartsin Monastery underwent a major renovation by Armenia Fund with a donation from Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi, ruler of Sharjah. Today the complex is reachable by a paved road with a large parking area, a gift shop, a bakery, and other facilities on site. In 2017 the monastery was incorporated into the Transcaucasian Trail long-distance hiking route.*