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January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas/ Epiphany of Our Lord

**First Anniversary of Covenant of Ministry
with Rev. Takouhi**



† 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 SEEKERS

Prelude - Musical Improvisation

(We prepare our hearts for worship)

Welcome /Land Acknowledgement



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Spiritual Focus:

"Epiphany Calls us to Perseverance, Faithfulness, Courage, and Community."



Lighting of the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle



Call to Worship – Based on Isaiah 60 (Responsive)

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: The brightness of God's light
shines upon all the nations.**

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

**All: We respond in praise.
With our gifts, with our very selves,
we worship God.**

(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 re-Covenanting with God and Each Other (All):

Creator God of Covenant and Promise,
On this one-year anniversary of our Call to Ministry together,
We stand before You with open minds and ready hearts.
Choosing to continue walking together in unity and trust.
We promise to do our best to honour one another in truth,
to speak with kindness, to forgive always,
and to carry each other's burdens in love.

Let this covenant be rooted in Your Word made flesh,
sealed by Your Spirit and strengthened by Your Grace.

Help us to remember
that we are all made of the same nature of stars.
As we are made of every essence of what
ALL creation is made of – Your Love.

Bind us with cords that cannot be broken,
and let our lives reflect Your faithfulness.

Today, we recommit not only to each other,
but to You — the Author of every Perfect Gift and Good Promise.
Amen.



With Youth & Young at Heart

"Stars Guide us in Darkness"

Hymn of Invitation: Voices United #87

"I Am the Light of the World"

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Reader: Sam Koster

Gospel Matthew 2:1-17 (NRSVue)

Reader: Here ends today's readings.

May God add understanding to our hearing.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem / Reflection

Life Lesson: "Epiphany: Time to Pay Attention..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please remain seated)

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

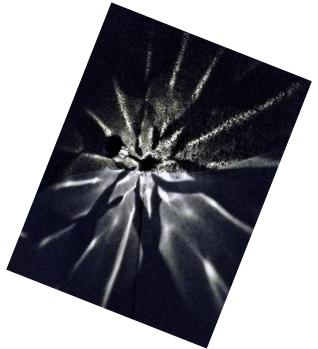
Hymn of Assurance: More Voices # 82

"Bathe Me In Your Light"

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

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



The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Sung) Voices United #960

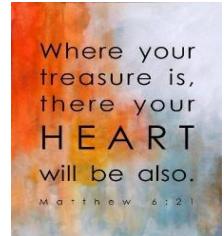
Your Generosity Matters (Mission Story) – Brenda King

Building on a Year of Care

Published On: December 12, 2025

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

Offertory Song: Voices United # 542

"We Give You But Your Own"

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (ALL) – Ephesian 3

Though we are least among the saints, O God,
still you have given us the gift of your grace
that we might share with others
the boundless riches of Christ,
and also the resources we hold in trust.

Receive now, we ask, what we have given today.
Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes.
We pray humbly and sincerely. 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 #299 ***"Teach Me, God, To Wonder"***

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(Please Remain Standing)

Commissioning & Benediction

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:
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.

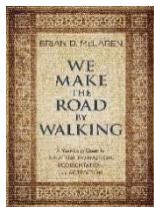
⊕ **A note from Stewardship** – Today is the deadline for donations for the tax year 2025. If you are submitting a donation for 2025, please ensure that it is dated no later than December 31st, 2025. **In addition, if you are a new member or adherent**

in 2025, and you want a tax receipt, please provide the office with your address, if you haven't already. 613-283-4444

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. Thank you for your continued support.

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



Bible Study January 7 - We will explore Chapters:

15, 16 & 17. "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.**

 **Celebration!** – We will be celebrating our Choir on **Sunday, January 11th.** We will recognize their ministry during worship and enjoy their company at a finger-food luncheon following the service. We need your assistance. Those whose last name starts with A to M, please bring dessert, and N to Z, please bring entrees. All are welcome!

 **Rainbow 101 Monthly Gathering – Friday, January 16th** – We will gather at 6 p.m. and share in a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to this group. We celebrate diversity and growth in our understanding of 25LGBTQIA+ community. We will have a Tedx Talk called "Finding Courage, Conquering Fear" with Marni Panas. Join us for lively conversation and good food.

 **Are You Looking for Bible Study time that is NOT on regular work hours?** Starting, Sunday **January 18, 2026**, Rev. Takouhi offering to commence V.I.B.E. (Venturing in Biblical Education) 1-2:30 p.m. in her office. If you are interested let her know – revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca – The first meeting will determine the Way Forward, come prepared of what you are looking for in this adventure.

 **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 613-283-4444 or email secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca.

Bulletin Sponsors for January 4, 2026

In Celebration of	Given by
My son, Fred	Norma Wrightly

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, January 5 – Office	9 am – 1 pm
UCW Meeting	9:30 am
Chair Yoga	12 noon – 1 pm
Tuesday, January 6 - Office	9 am – 1 pm
Wednesday, January 7 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Bible Study	10 am – 11:30 am
Rosebridge Chapel	2:00 pm
SLT Meeting	4:30 pm
Thursday, January 8 – Office	9 am – 1 pm
Broadview Chapel	11 am
Lombard Manor Chapel	2 pm
Friday, January 9	Office Closed
Saturday, January 10	Office Closed
Sunday, January 11	Office Closed
Sunday School	
Worship – Baptism of the Lord	
Choir Appreciation Sunday	10:30 am