

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All

A Note for our Congregation -

- † The service is recorded for viewing on COGECO (channel 10), Thursday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- † Newcomers please sign our guest book.
- † Pew cards with special requests that may be placed with your offering.
- † Hearing loop aids are available at the audio-visual desk. An Usher will be happy to assist.
- † Ours is a scent-free building.
- † We have a child-friendly nursery space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; ask an usher.
- † Accessible washroom adjacent to worship space.
- † Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation.

We will gather today after the service for a pot luck fingerfood lunch and a time of Christmas card writing, in the Fellowship Hall

We respect gluten sensitivities and Vegetarians

Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements

Thank you to the volunteers who faithfully assist on Tuesday evenings. Your ministry is important and yielding wonderful results. Your work is one of the reasons we love Trinity.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Service, December 6, 12 noon.

United Church Women Christmas Potluck Dinner, December 6, 6 pm.

Interchurch Advent Walk, December 10, 4pm.

Order of Worship

*Stand as you are able

Bold print = Congregation

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Prelude: “Choral Prelude on ‘Humility’” (Archer)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Our lives scattered on the floor of the world,
our limits pushed by stress and its best friend, impatience, we come:

**For here, God would gather us,
bringing us to the realm of peace.**

Wondering if truth is fake or worth pursuing, questioning whether anyone
is worth following or believing, we come:

**For here, God would feed us with wisdom, sending the One who
would lead us to the realm of hope.**

Questioning the motives of everyone in power, doubting that justice can
be found anywhere, we come:

**For here, God brings us to worship with our sisters and brothers,
scooping us up from every place we have strayed.**

Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” VU211

Prayer of Gathering - Psalm 100 VU 820

Learning with Children

Call to Reconciliation

Confession

Too often,
we are ignorant of the needs of others while we proclaim our devotion to you.

We want to

**Visit the prisoner,
feed the hungry,
clothe the naked,
welcome the stranger, and
heal the sick.**

We fail to see the variety of

**prisons,
emptiness,
vulnerability,
isolation,
illness,
poverty, and
Injustice**

Open our eyes to see your presence in every person and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God feeds the hungry and gives hope to the parched.

Including us.

God brings healing to the sick and visits those imprisoned.

Including us.

God wraps warmth around the cold, and knits a sweater for the naked.

Including us.

God loves every person, forgives every person, cares for every person.

Including us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Listen to What the Spirit is Saying to Us

Why I Love Trinity

Scriptures

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSV)

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

Holy Communion

Anthem: “Let the people of God Go Singing” (Medema)

Reflection

Invitation:

May the God of all hope be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift our hearts to our God.

The eyes of our hearts look to the One who is our God.

Let us worship our God with glad songs of praise.

We come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Communion Liturgy:

You gathered up the scattered fragments of chaos,
shaping them into the wonders
we call the beauty of creation:

...

So with those who have reached out to the needy,
and those who somehow never notice,
we offer our songs of praise to you:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of every heart.

All creation joins in offering thanks to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to reveal your realm.

Hosanna in the highest!

...

As we remember your promise of home,
as we seek to care for our sisters and brothers,
we seek to live that mystery we call faith:

Jesus died, that we might know your justice;

Jesus was raised, that we might know your love;

Jesus will come, that we will be gathered to you at last.

Choir

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal - Distribution

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn:** “As We Gather at Your Table” VU457

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “Solace” (Joplin)

***Offering Hymn:** “For the Gift of Creation” VU538

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

***Hymn:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” VU334

***Commissioning / Benediction:**

Now, from where we gather us, let us go.

**To discover that the stranger and homeless,
the prisoner and the patient and everyone else;
our sisters and brothers.**

Now, from where we have been fed, let us go.

**To join Jesus in serving those who thirst for righteousness as well as
those who hunger for justice.**

Now, from where we have been one, let us go.

**To find those who have been tossed aside,
gathering them up to bring them home.**

*Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: "Classical Postlude" (Haydn)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov 27** **Weight Watchers**, 6:15 pm in the Gym.
Book Club, 7:00 pm in the Parlour.
- Nov 28** **Trinity on Tuesday**, *Jesus Jam*. Early winter warm up (hot chocolate and early carols). Easy supper at 6:00 pm (gluten-free and vegetarian available) program to follow.
- Nov 29** **Bible Study**, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.
C.R.O.W. Playgroup, 8:00 am - noon. in the Gym.
- Nov 30** **Board of Trustees**, 8:15 am in the Upper Room.
Church Council, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Dec 3 **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**

Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:11a

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people...

Theme:

The Neglected History of Women in the Early Church.

Service will include a candle lighting liturgy for each of the young women slain.

Dec 11 **A New Day of Being Different**

Key Scriptures:

Isaiah 40:3



A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Mark 1:1-3

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

Theme:

John the Baptist was different in the expected way. Jesus was different than expected and more effective.

How do we act different than the conventional different?

How do we avoid introducing a new rut?

How do we introduce a new way of being Home?

Dec 21 **Service of the Longest Night**, sometimes also known as a Blue Christmas. The service is designed to temper darkness and loss. Loss may include the death of a loved one, divorce or separation, the loss of a job, or living with serious illness.

TRINITY NOTES

Four Rivers Presbytery Youth Event, December 2, 1:00 - 5:30 pm, Wall Street United Church. Information: 4riversyouth@gmail.com.

Lanark County Interval House, we are packing a parcel for Interval House again this year. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be most appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance-free items. Donations may be left in the boxes provided at the entrances of the church. You may also purchase and donate gift cards (cards should be given to Diane or Joan, not left in the donation boxes). Gift cards should be placed in an envelope with your name and address clearly displayed, a charitable receipt will be issued and mailed to you. Last day: December 3rd.

Meat Pies made by Trinity Cooks, available after service this morning in the kitchen, \$3.00 each. Fundraiser in support of the life and work of Trinity.

Prayer Concerns, please include in your prayers: St. John the Evangelist Anglican church (Smiths Falls Community Churches Prayer Cycle); St. Mark's United Church (Bay of Quinte Conference Prayer Cycle); British Columbia Conference (U. C. Pray For Our Church).

Rainbow Sabbath is held the 2nd Friday of every month in the Church Hall. A potluck supper at 6:00 pm and is followed by spiritual readings of one's own choice. It is a safe, non-judgemental space for members of the LGBTQ community and those who support them.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates your donations. Please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered to the bank monthly.

Spiritual Leadership Team, Calling all kids! We will be putting on our Christmas pageant Sunday Dec. 10 during the church service. We would like everyone to participate so please confirm with Heidi or Jana whether you will be here that week. We will be practicing the weeks before, but even if you can only join us that day we have a part for your kids! Hope to hear from you soon.

Stewardship Team,

- groups using the facilities are asked to book the space that they want to use, arrange their own setups and return furniture to the original position.
- PARKING and drop off zone in front of the church entrance is being expanded so that people who need to be close to the entrance can find space.

The National Day of Remembrance and action on violence Against Women Service will be held at 12 noon, Wednesday December 6 in the sanctuary of Trinity United Church. This service is hosted by the Smiths Falls Women's Inter-church Group. All are welcome to this accessible event.

United Church Women, United Church Calendars 2018 are available, cost \$5. Please contact Elizabeth.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Christ United Church, Lyn, Christmas Concert-Tim Hallman & Friends, December 3, 1:30 pm, tickets \$10.

St. John Roman Catholic Church, Perth, Women and Men of the Tay

"Christmas Joy", December 10, 2:00pm, freewill offering.

St. Paul's United Church, Advent Lectionary Readings, led by guest Minister Tony Boonstra, Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:30, November 29, December 6, 13, 20.



Jesus Jam
Early Winter Warm-Up

Tuesday
28 November
6:00-7:00PM
Easy Supper at 6:00PM
Program to Follow
Fellowship Hall



Hot Chocolate And **Early Carols**



Advent Walk

Sunday,
December 10th, 2017
4pm Start



St. John Anglican Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Trinity United Church

Advent