

Trinity United Church
Advent 1 – C December 2, 2018
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All

*This morning we are blessed to have with us Erin Lee, Executive Director of Lanark County
Interval House*

A Note for our Congregation -

- Newcomers please sign our guest book
- Pew cards with special requests may be placed with your offering
- Trinity seeks new ways to be Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible to all -
 - a lift is available for those with mobility concerns
 - we have accessible washrooms adjacent to the sanctuary and fellowship hall
 - hearing loops are available at the audio-visual desk
 - large print bulletins are available
 - we respect gluten sensitivities and vegetarians
 - we are scent-free
 - we offer mobile care and community by taking Communion to those who cannot come to church. Ask Cynthia.
 - we understand and welcome a variety of
 - gifts, talents, passions, interests and ages
 - ways of being
 - loving relationships and types of families
 - ***Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements so that the “All” in “a warm welcome to All” includes you and the people you love.***
- We have a child-friendly space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; please ask an usher
- Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation

Join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Introit - God Rest Ye Merry (Young)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship -

Because of You, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,
trusting that You will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.
For You, Child Jesus, we wait,

**on this day of anticipation and hope,
in the days of doubt and worry.**
With You, Spirit of Advent, we serve,
**those for whom this season is not one of joy;
those whose lives are empty of family and friends.**

Prayer of Gathering

Hymn - VU 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1,3,5,7

Learning with Children

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**The chances we have to be more compassionate; the moments to offer hope to
a lonely friend; the good fortune we could give to those who have so little.**

The signs are all around us.

**Remember Your mercy that forgives us; Your mercy which makes us whole;
and especially, Your living mercy who came down one night so long ago,**

Jesus the Advent of our redemption.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Raise your heads! In the bleak mid-winter of our lives, our
redemption draws near.

In the springtime of our doubts, the kingdom of God approaches.

**Even when we feel most alone, the One who comes to us is the salvation
promised so long ago.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10 (VU 752)

Luke 21:25-36

Anthem - Jesus, Lord of All Creation (Handel)

Reflection - Erin Lee and Christopher Ryan

The Challenge to Choose Righteousness and Justice

Remembering

Geneviève Bergeron, 21
Hélène Colgan, 23
Nathalie Croteau, 23
Barbara Daigneault, 22
Anne-Marie Edward, 21
Maud Haviernick, 29
Barbara Klueznick, 31
Maryse Laganière, 25
Maryse Leclair, 23
Anne-Marie Lemay, 22
Sonia Pelletier, 23
Michèle Richard, 21
Anne St-Arneault, 23
Annie Turcotte, 21

Hymn - VU6 A Candle Is Burning vs 1-4

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Ushers will now receive our morning offering.

Ushers may be seated until the Offering Hymn, when the congregation will be invited to stand, if able.

PAR "offering" recognition cards are available on the table next to the audio/video booth for those who wish to place one on the offering plate as you would an offering envelope.

Offertory - Chorale on 'Humility' (Archer)

***Offering Hymn** - VU538 For the Gift of Creation

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn - VU 20 On Jordan's Bank

Commissioning / Benediction

Now may our God prepare us to serve our sisters and brothers.

We will devote ourselves to walking with others to Bethlehem.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ steer us into all the places we do not want to go.

We will throw ourselves into the mission of feeding the hungry, into the privilege of learning from the poor.

Now may the Holy Spirit move us to increase in love for others.

We will take up the cause of justice in every corner of our lives, we will help to bring the kingdom of hope near to everyone around us.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude - In Dulci Jubilo variation 1 (Bedard)

Announcements

Upcoming Worship -

9 December - Advent 2 – C Hope Aor All and In All - White Gift Sunday food items, toys and clothing can be wrapped or covered in white paper or put in a white bag.

16 December - Advent 3 - C 16 Slaves to the Past

21 December - The Longest Night - A Worship Service of Hope, Strength, & Community - Winter Solstice 6:30 pm

23 December - Advent 4 - C The Power of Purpose
Service of Baptism

Looking Ahead

Dec 4 A Time of Fellowship will be shared with our friends at Willowdale Retirement Centre (1:00 pm); Van Horne Manor (2:00 pm), Broadview Nursing Centre (3:00 pm). You are invited to join us.

Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's, Tuesdays, 9:30 am Start at Trinity. End at a Café

Trinity on Tuesday Relaxed Service, Program at 6:00 pm, supper to follow (gluten-free and vegetarian available).

Outreach Team, 7:30 pm in the Upper Room

Dec 5 Bible Study, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.

UCW Potluck, meet and greet 6:00 pm, supper 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Dec 6 Smiths Falls Women's Inter-Church Group will hold a short meeting at 11:00 in the sanctuary to elect a new Chairperson. **At 11:30 a public commemoration service will take place for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.**

Dec 7 Movie Night for Families and Children "The Star" (animated story of Jesus' birth as seen from the animals' point of view). Supper at 5:00 pm, movie at 6:00 pm.

Trinity Notes

Christian Community Team offers mobile Pastoral Care and Community Presence with Communion. Contact the Church Office 613-283-4444.

Christian Community Line Dancing - Every Friday from 11:00am to 12:00pm. There is no charge but you may leave an offering, if you wish.

Give meaningful gifts that make a difference with **Gifts with Vision!** Each year's gift catalogue gives a glimpse of the breadth of our Mission & Service ministries and programs.

Gifts with Vision has gift ideas to suit every interest, budget, and person. It's a great way to celebrate special occasions and honour loved ones!

We are packing a parcel for Interval House. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be most appreciated. Please consider fragrance free items. Donations may be left in the boxes at the entrances of the Church. You may also donate gift cards (cards should be given to Diane or Joan not left in the donation boxes) in an envelope with your name and address. (charitable receipt will be issued and mailed). Last day December 9

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

The White Gift Angel Tree is now in the vestibule. Please take an angel and buy a gift, indicate male or female and age.

Trinity Swag Is Here and will make great Stocking Stuffers for Christmas! Stainless Steel Water Bottles: \$20 ea or 3 for \$50. Shopping Bags with storage pouch: \$10 ea. For more info please see Jan or Chris

Trinity Youth will be selling Christmas Wreaths this season to support projects through the Mission & Service Fund. Wreaths are \$20 at time of order. Orders can be placed before or after Church today. Please see Maryn or Kira. Or you can call 613-205-0775. Wreaths will be available to pick up after Church on Dec. 9. Thank you.

United Church Calendars are available, please contact Elizabeth.

Prayer Concerns - World of Faith Fellowship, British Columbia Conference



Lanark Drum Circle, 2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Gym of Trinity United, Smiths Falls