

**Trinity United Church**  
**Advent 2 – C December 9, 2018**  
**Community of Grace**  
**Grace For All and In All - White Gift Sunday**

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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 communion 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 - VU10 Prepare the Way of the Lord**  
**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship -**  
The Reign of God is drawing near:  
**The prophets call us to prepare.**

Prepare the way for the Lord:

## **Prepare just and peaceful path!**

Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you

### **Prayer of Gathering**

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle -**

In the early hours of morning, the darkness of the sky slowly begins dawn, heralding that the night is passing and morning comes.

As a flame begins to burn, we are reminded of the Gentle Wind that each dawn brings, pushing us closer to your promised reign.

**As we wait through the time of Advent for the celebration of Jesus' birth, may we be drawn together in the Spirit's peace. Amen.**

*A second Candle is lit.*

**Hymn - VU 9 People Look East**

### **Learning with Children -**

White Gift Pageant

### **Prayer of Confession**

You call us to prepare a path,  
to work with patience and diligence to bring peace.

The task sometimes feels overwhelming.

**Lord, Have mercy.**

You call us to collaborate in community  
to share our gifts for the sake of the poor,  
but it is a challenge to abandon the comfort of control.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You call us to be full of joyful confidence  
to prepare the way for your Reign,  
but we burden ourselves with anxiety.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*(a moment of silent prayer)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Passing the Peace**

## Scriptures

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 1:68-79

## Gospel Favourite - In the Garden

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

### *Refrain*

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

### *Refrain*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

### *Refrain*

## Reflection - Grace for All and in All

## Hymn - VU 50 He Is Born

## We Respond to God's Word

## Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

## Minute for Mission

### Invitation to Offering

Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

*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 - Little Drummer Boy**

**\*Offering Hymn - VU 81 As With Gladness, Men of Old vs 3**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**With these gifts**

**accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts,  
which rejoice in your goodness and love.**

**Let our gifts point to your presence in the world,  
and further your desire for the world  
through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**We Depart to Serve with Joy**

**Hymn - VU 43 Go Tell It On The Mountain**

**Commissioning / Benediction**

Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim:

In the work of justice: Christ!

In the practice of mercy: Christ!

In good news for the poor: Christ!

In the vision of peace: Christ!

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude - Ding Dong Merrily on High**

**Announcements**

**Next Sunday -**

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

**21 December - Longest Night - A Service of Candles, Communion and Community 6:30  
pm in the Chapel**

**23 December - Advent 4 - C The Power of Purpose**

Service of Baptism

**24 December** - 4:30 pm Family / Children's Service

7:30 pm Lessons and Carols

10:30 pm Candlelight Communion

**Looking Ahead**

**Dec 10 Prayer Shawl Group**, 1:00 pm in the Parlour.

**Dec 11 Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walkers'**, Tuesdays, 9:30 am Start at Trinity.  
End at a Café

**Friendship Unit meeting**, 11:00 am in the Hall.

**Friendship Unit Christmas Dinner** - King Star 12:00 - 2:00 pm

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

**Spiritual Leadership Team**, 7:30 pm in the Upper Room

**Dec 12 Bible Study**, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.

**Christian Community** - 1:30 pm Upper Room.

**New Horizons**, 7:00 pm in the Parlour

**Dec 13 Men's Breakfast** - The Roosteraunt 8:00 am.

**Retired Teachers' Banquet** - Fellowship Hall, 12:00 pm

**Council** - Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

**Dec 14 Rainbow Sabbath** - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

**Dec 20 Trinity on Tuesday Holy Hullabaloo**, Outreach and Social Justice hosts the meal.  
If you would like to join in, we are looking for soup, sandwiches and cake or cupcakes. Let  
Lorraine Ryan know.

**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.

**January 18 – 20: Training Phase 1 – An Introduction**

**Location:** Trinity United Church, (Ottawa, ON) 1099 Maitland Avenue. **Instructors:**  
Howard Clark, Joy Judd & Barb Loynes. Registration limited to 21 to avoid  
disappointment, register early. **Fee:** \$210 (\$230 after Jan 4th) \$50 deposit required with  
registration, non-refundable after January 4th Make Cheques payable to "First United  
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**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations, please fill our wagon  
at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

**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** Christmas Wreaths will be available to pick up after Church.

**United Church Calendars** are available, please contact Elizabeth Donaldson.

**Write for Rights in Toledo**, St. Andrew's United Church, Toledo. Sunday December 9, Drop-in 1 pm - 4 pm, enjoy music, free refreshments and be a part of this worldwide Human Rights Day Event

**Women and Men of the Tay**, 2018 Christmas Concert, December 9, 2:00 pm, St James Anglican Church, Perth. Freewill offering.

**Prayer Concerns** - All Native Circle Conference, Bethel Pentecostal Church.

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