



Second Sunday of Advent - C
December 5, 2021

Key Scripture - Luke 1:78, 79

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."



Theme - The Way of Peace

Welcome and Announcements

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook
- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † With a view to lowering risk and lifting capacity limits, Trinity Council has decided in favour of adopting a Vaccination Mandate. Proof of Vaccination, therefore, is required for all in person activities and gatherings including Worship.
 - Capacity Limits are lifted
 - Masks are still required
- † We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

gifts_{with}vision

† Gifts with Vision is a response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission & Service partners. Catalogues at the front door highlight the possibilities.

Salvation Army Christmas Campaign - Our friends at the Salvation Army are requesting that we collect toys for the Angel Tree Program. They are also very much in need of kettle volunteers to stand by kettles for 2 hour shifts.

Christmas Cards are available for signing in the Church Hall.

The Church building is open every day Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 1:00pm. What beautiful cards they are! These are a gift to the Congregation and we are so very grateful. We hope to mail these out by 9 December.

Christmas Cards will also be available for sale as gift packs.

There are 28 sets of cards that can be sold. Each has six individual cards and envelopes. They will be sold at a price of \$10.00 for the package. All revenue goes to the Church general fund.

Looking Ahead

6 December, 1:00pm - The Spiritual Leadership Team is hosting a book study, **Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey.**

- [Video call link](#)

8 December, 9:30am - The Spiritual Leadership Team is hosting an **Advent Study - *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent.*** We may meet in person and [remotely](#) by computer or by phone. Please let the Office know if you would like to participate.

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

24 December -

Children's Service - Remote. You will find it posted to Facebook.

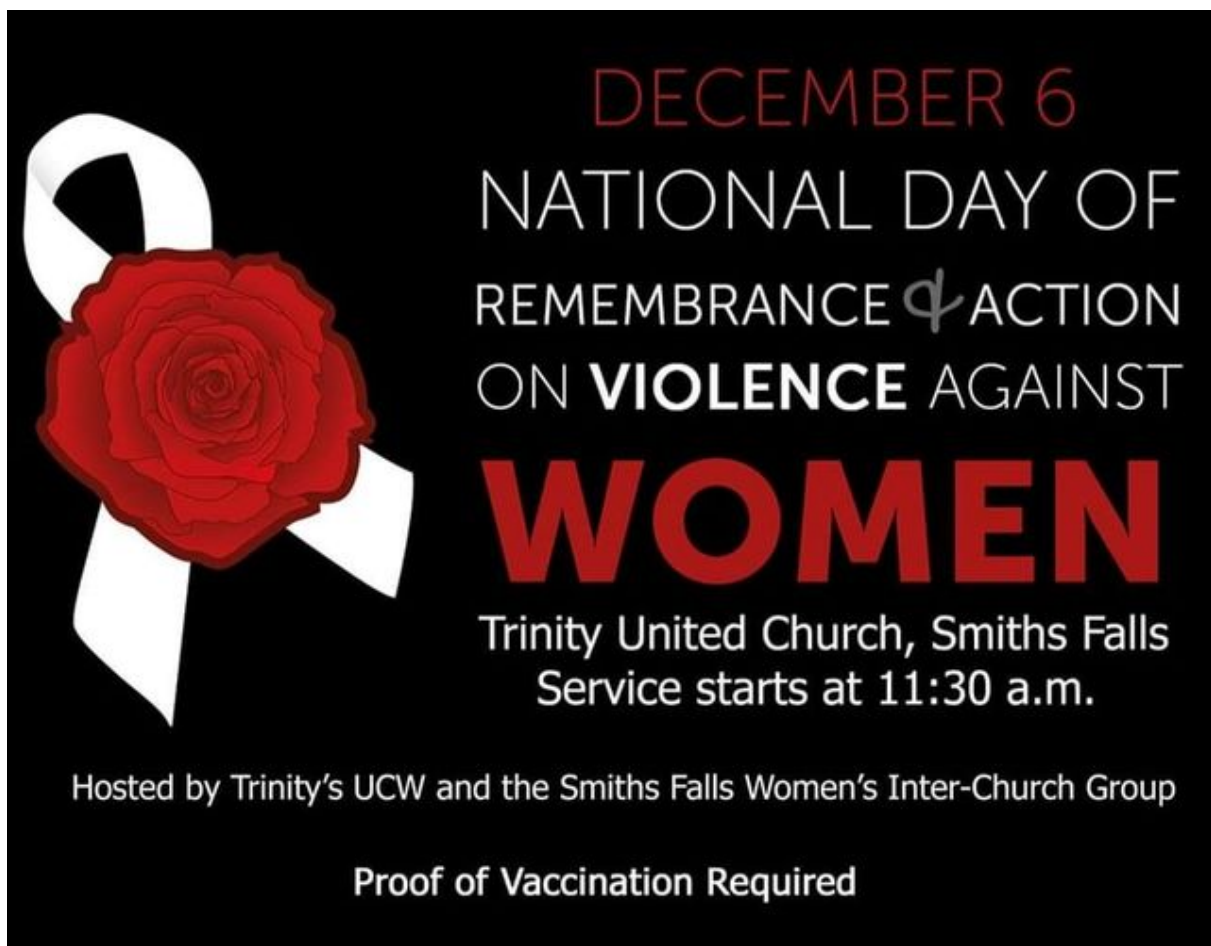
Lessons and Carols, 7:30pm

Candlelight Communion, 10:30pm

Items and Donations for Interval House -

The UCW is collecting items and donations for Interval House. A box is available to drop off your items in the front entrance of the church and will remain until Monday, 6 December. The door is open from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

“Thank you for reaching out and planning ahead to help women who are fleeing a life of violence and abuse.”



DECEMBER 6
NATIONAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE & ACTION
ON **VIOLENCE** AGAINST
WOMEN
Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls
Service starts at 11:30 a.m.
Hosted by Trinity's UCW and the Smiths Falls Women's Inter-Church Group
Proof of Vaccination Required

The Spiritual Leadership Team is initiating plans for Confirmation this Spring.

Cookie Sales After Church -

The Kitchen Coordinators and helpers are selling cookies by the dozen after church on December 5, 12 and 19. There will be many delicious varieties. This will be a free-will offering and all funds raised will go to the life and work of Trinity United Church. So, mark your calendars and be ready to buy some scrumdolious cookies.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Singing in the Season

74 “What Child Is This?”

What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain -

***This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!***

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain -

***This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!***

75 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

Interlude “In The Bleak Midwinter” (arr. Young)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:78, 79

When conflict seems never-ending,
relationships rocky,
When we want to deny and pretend,

The Holy invites us to make space for truth-telling
And we find Peace

(Peace candle is lit)

Where in the world do we find Peace these days?

Call to Worship

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

All people shall see the salvation of God!

Lift up your hearts in expectation!

**We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world
once more.**

Opening Prayer

God of peace and promise,

You are the giver of life,

living in us through the power of your Holy Spirit.

You are the voice that calls us from our wandering,

setting us on a new path.

You are the living water that purifies us,

baptizing us for service in the world that so badly needs your
love.

Refresh us in this time of worship,
and reignite our desire to serve you each and every day.

Glory, honour and praise be yours now and always,
Holy One, Holy Three,

One God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Hymn 64 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.

No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Time With Children

Peace, Second Sunday of Advent

God also spoke through angels
to people like Zechariah
Luke 1:14



...and to people like Mary.
Luke 1:30–33



Luke 1: 26 - 33 (International Children's Bible)

During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a [young woman] who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."

But Mary was very confused by what the angel said. Mary wondered, "What does this mean?"

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David, his ancestor. He will rule over the people of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end."

Children's Prayer

Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred.

Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.

Bring peace into our hearts we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Our baptism proclaims the beginning of new life in Christ.

But we confess that we live in old ways.

**We excuse ourselves,
and take comfort in familiar habits and traditions.**

**Forgive us when we mistake such comfort for the peace you offer
us in Jesus.**

Prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of serving You.

Words of Assurance

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, giving light to those in darkness, guiding our feet in the way of peace.”

Receive God’s tender mercy. Trust that God’s peace will prevail for all those who seek new life in Jesus’ name.

Scripture Baruch 5:1-9;
 Philippians 1:3-11;
 Luke 1:68-79

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east

at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be
made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Meditation “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Reflection The Way of Peace

It has been over 30 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal (December 6, 1989). This act of violent misogyny shook our country and led Parliament to designate December 6 as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

Today we remember

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 2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
tune - 333 (Love Divine)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Invitation to the Offering

We make our offering today as a sign of our commitment to the reign of Christ among us, trusting that our gifts will accomplish more than we might ever imagine, because God will bless them—and us.

Offering Prayer

Mighty and Merciful God, we bring our gifts to you, trusting that your blessing will multiply their effects in the world. Use them and us to prepare the way for Christ to enter lives with his compassion and courage, so that the world will know his peace and trust his name.

Hymn 43 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

Refrain -

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain -

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Refrain -

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain -

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Prayers of the People

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

Enter our lives today with your blessing.

We are lonely for you and the peace you bring.

Draw near to us in friendship and faithfulness,

so that in this season of celebration, we may know you are near,
and be filled with gratitude, even in the face of challenge
and uncertainty.

Christ Jesus, coming among us,

Bring us peace.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guide.

Show us the way to wisdom and gratitude

in the face of conspiracy theories and distrust.

We thank you for the kindness we know

in friends and good neighbours, in warm houses and warm
smiles.

We pray for those who have lost their way in life

and feel like there is no place to turn.

Equip us to reach out to those who need your embrace and ours.

Christ Jesus, coming among us,

Bring us peace.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.

Touch us with your healing and grace in every way we need these gifts.

We remember before you those we know and those known to you alone

who are living with loss or illness this season,
those who face depression or discouragement,
all who are worried about the impact of the pandemic,
and any who will find it hard to be merry this year.

Shine the light of your comfort into their lives and ours.

Christ Jesus, coming among us,
Bring us peace.

Come, Jesus, and rule in our lives.

Claim your rightful place in our hearts.

This world is struggling for the justice and mercy you bring.

We remember before you places marked by violence and upheaval,
and the devastating impacts of the climate crisis.

Draw near to all leaders and citizens working for peace and justice.

Encourage honourable action and co-operation
in confronting global challenges and local needs.

Give hope to people under oppression
and those who live with fear or hunger day by day.

Hasten the day when the world's peoples will live as neighbours,
reconciled in your truth and freedom.

Christ Jesus, coming among us,
Bring us peace.

Receive our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we sum up our hope in the words you taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

Campbell's Bay Pastoral Charge

St. Andrew's United Church
St. Andrew's United Church

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

Myanmar, Thailand

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 50 "He Is Born"

Through long ages of the past,
 prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past,
 now the time has come at last!

Refrain -

***He is born, little Child divine;
 play on the reeds while the lutes are strumming.
He is born, little Child divine;
 join to song to announce the day.***

O how lovely, O how pure
 is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure
 gracious gift to humankind!

Refrain -

***He is born, little Child divine;
 play on the reeds while the lutes are strumming.
He is born, little Child divine;
 join to song to announce the day.***

Benediction

God sends us to be messengers of this holy season.

We will share God's grace in the shadowed places of our world.

Jesus sends us to be messengers of his gospel.

We will share the good news of justice by how we treat each person.

The Spirit sends us to be messengers of peace.

**We will share the gifts of hope and reconciliation which have
been
placed in our hearts.**

Choral Amen

Postlude “While By My Sheep”