



TRINITY
UNITED CHURCH
Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada

First Sunday of Advent - A
November 27, 2022

“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Matthew 24:44

Welcome and Announcements

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations

Please pray for our **Children and Children’s Programming and**

Activities

Book Group meets in the Upper Room on Mondays at 1:00pm

Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Our next **Potluck and Prayers** will have a Christmas Potluck theme.

Salvation Army Kettles Mary Lynn Wilson at 613-283-3563 or email at mary-lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca

If want to make a referral contact the office

Christmas Cards are set up in the Church Hall

Wendy is eager to play your favourites for Advent. Requests to w.wearl@hotmail.com or write your request at the back of the sanctuary.

Sounds of Christmas - In support of the Hamper Campaign, this evening at 6:00pm at Bethel Pentecostal Church

The Barrel Boys -Bluegrass Band

**Christmas Concert on
Saturday, December 3 @
7:00pm**

**Along with guest musician
Campbell Woods**

\$20 In advance

\$25 at the door

Children under 13, only \$10

Bring the family!

December

18 - A Service of Music

1 - The Longest Night

24 - Children's Service, 4:30

Candles and Carols, 7:30

Communion, 10:30

25 - Presents and Pyjamas, 10:30am

Lanark Interval House - Last day for donations is December 12th.
Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

UCW Budget Planning Meeting and potluck lunch. Monday, December 5 in the Church Hall at 11:00. Bring your own cup, plate and cutlery to ease cleaning up.

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - December 6

Confirmation Class will be held in the New Year



Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity

Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 10:00am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle

Carols -

38 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain -

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly
song?

Refrain -

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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.

Introit 95 "Born in the Night, Mary's Child" vs 1,4

(Lighting of Christ Candle)

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We are people of hope.

God longs for a day when weapons will be replaced with tools for rebuilding.

We see your goodness and signs of new life all around us.

The first candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of hope.

We light this candle to remind us to see God's hope shining in our world.

(Light the candle of hope)

Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God.

May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame.

Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.

Call to Worship

The light shines in the darkness,

We come to worship, seeking the light of Christ once again.

Shine into our lives and into your world this Advent.

Renew us with fresh hope.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,

You hold all our days in your hands,

and embrace us in your everlasting arms.

In a tired and violent world, you are hope.

In a hectic and busy world, you are peace.

In a cold world, you are comfort.

In Jesus, you bring love into this world,

and call us to embody his love in all we do and say.

In our worship this day,

we offer you our love and loyalty,

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Make us one in worship and service,

so that the world will see your hope at work in us and through us, making all things new.

Amen

Hymn 1 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1, 2, 6, 7

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain -

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain -

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

Refrain -

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

Refrain -

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

Prayer of Confession

God of hope,

**We we often prefer pleasing ideas,
to your challenging word.**

We praise our cleverness rather than your wisdom.

**We have exploited others for our benefit
and used the earth without considering its wellbeing.**

In your mercy,

forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and guide us through the mercy of Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Receive the Good News in hope. With great mercy, God forgives what we have confessed and offers us new life.

Trust in the hope that you are forgiven and that, with God, new things are possible.

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122 (VU845)

Matthew 24:36-44

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122 (VU845)

Refrain -

*With joy we go to God's own house
and enter with a song.*

I was glad when they said to me:
Let us go to the house of God.

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city bound firmly together.

There the tribes go up, the tribes of God,
to give thanks to the name of God, as was decreed for Israel.
There the thrones of justice stand, the thrones of David's house.

Refrain -
With joy we go to God's own house
and enter with a song.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
May those who love you prosper!
May there be peace within your walls, prosperity within your palaces!

For the sake of my kin and friends I say: Peace be with you!
For the sake of the house of our God, I will seek your good.

Refrain -
With joy we go to God's own house
and enter with a song.

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed

awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Meditation "A Tiny Child Will Come" (Price / Besig)

Reflection

Hymn 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the God, our God, may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
God stands in the midst of nations,
and soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
to pastures of peace will lead them,
and bring them safe to fold.

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the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
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Invitation to the Offering

This Sunday we celebrate the Advent of Hope, coming to us in Jesus. Think of your gifts as seeds of that hope which we can plant in the world God loves for Christ's sake.

Offering Options

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, and places trying to rebuild after devastating loss. Be their hope and their help, through Jesus.

Time for the Young

Hymn 328 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by you, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round your throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings;
where the flock, in you confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.

You, forever, lead your own
in the love of joys unknown.

Prayers of the People

Surprising and Steadfast God,
In the anticipation of your coming,
keep us awake so that we will see you at work in the world.

We give you thanks for moments of joy and celebration in our lives,
for times of excitement and surprise;
for love given and received,
for friendships that furnish our life with meaning and happiness,
and for family who reflect your unconditional love.

In all our relationships and encounters,
allow us to see you in one another.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week.

Today we pray for the nations,

and for all those who frame laws and shape society,

who are charged to keep the peace and administer justice.

We thank you for leaders and governors who are faithful to their responsibilities.

And we pray for places where justice is twisted in the interests of the powerful,

and innocents suffer as a result.

Move in the hearts and minds of leaders for the sake of justice and generosity,

so that people everywhere will experience freedom and have hope for their futures.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering this day,

for those who are ill, for those who mourn,

and for all fear who the future and what it may bring.

Surround them with your love,

support them with strength,

and inspire the hope they need to face another day.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, all souls are precious to you;

the dead, as well as the living, are in your care.
We thank you for your saints of every generation.
and for those dear to our own hearts,
who have entered into your heavenly presence.
Keep us in communion with them,
and bring us with them at the last to dwell in your light.

And hear us as we offer prayers in silence for all those on our hearts
this day

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Joining our voices into one, we pray as Jesus taught -

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

MacKay Pastoral Charge
MacKay United Church

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Myanmar, Thailand

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn 25 "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold you,
robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you,
pierced, and nailed you to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected
see in pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting Christ, come down.

Benediction

Go in hope this day, and keep awake! Watch for signs of God at work around you and within you. Look for opportunities to serve others in Jesus' name.

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Amen

Postlude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (arr Young)