

“In the resurrection,
therefore, whose wife will
the woman be? For the
seven had married her.”

Luke 20:33



Hope is being able to
see that there is light
despite all of the darkness.
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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

Children’s Programming and Activities -

We need help and would love a helper... Ideas too

Our Book Group meets in the Upper Room on Mondays at 1:00pm
Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Salvation Army Kettle Kickoff will be on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022
We require volunteers to do 2 hour shifts from November 18th to
December 24th. Call Mary Lynn Wilson at 613-283-3563 or email at
mary-lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca

If you know of a family in need and you want to do an anonymous
referral for a Christmas Hamper (via Salvation Army), contact the office
at Trinity for a referral form.

Sounds of Christmas - In support of the Salvation Army and the
Hamper Campaign, 27 November at 6:00pm at Bethel Pentecostal Church



CAROLS FROM THE BARREL
a SEASONAL CELEBRATION
with
The Barrel Boys
WITH SPECIAL GUEST **CAMPBELL WOODS**

\$20 ADVANCE
\$25 AT DOOR

SATURDAY
DEC. 3RD
7:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THEBARRELBOYS.COM/SHOWS

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
41 MARKET STREET, SMITHS FALLS, ON

**The Barrel Boys
Bluegrass Band
Christmas Concert on
Saturday, December 3 @
7:00pm
Along with guest musician
Campbell Woods**

Tickets will go on sale soon
\$20 In advance
\$25 at the door
Children under 13, only \$10

Bring the family!

Christmas Cards 20 November

Wendy is eager for Advent. You may send requests to her by email at w.wearl@hotmail.com or you can write your request at the back of the sanctuary. Soon, we will be decorated for Advent.

Lanark Interval House - We continue to pack a parcel for Interval House for Christmas. Unopened personal items, small gifts for women and children would be appreciated. Please consider regular and fragrance free items. Donations may be left in the box provided at the entrance of the church. Last day for donations is December 12th. Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

Confirmation Class (ages 12+) is a program that provides intentional space for spiritual exploration and faith formation as youth learn more about God, the Bible, the Christian faith, the United Church of Canada, and themselves.

Participants each have a mentor, an older person of faith who walks with them through this journey.

At the end of the program, youth have the opportunity to make a decision to confirm the vows made at their baptism and formally become members of the church.

Introit 612 There is a Balm in Gilead

(Lighting of Christ Candle)

Holy one we light this candle inviting you into this space with us today.

You are the light of this world.

**We, your people feel that light in our hearts,
may we see this light in others.**

We are not alone, thanks be to God

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

Call to Worship

Spirit of roots and wings, come among us.

May our roots ground us deeply into the earth, our home.

Blow in the wind, and rise in the sea,
that we might experience you in all creation.

Sing stirrings of compassion deep into our hearts.

Move in our hands, and in our actions
that our lives may be shaped by healing and by justice.

Roots hold us close, Wings set us free

Spirit of Life,

Come among us as we gather today.

Opening Prayer

God of might and mercy,

We come to you today, proclaiming your power and your promise
in a world where there are many things which frighten us.

Today we proclaim your power
to defeat the forces that work against your hope for the world.

We proclaim your love
that cracks open our hearts and draws us to you and to one
another.

We proclaim your promise in Jesus
that nothing can separate from your love.

Strengthen us in this hour of worship
to live out our trust in your power and promise
in friendship with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 356 "Seek Ye First The Kingdom"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Hallelu, hallelujah!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, hallelujah.

Prayer of Confession

God of promise and purpose,

**You set before us a vision of health and healing,
yet we confess we cling to harmful habits.**

We hold on to resentment.

**We sometimes view the struggles of others with curiosity
rather than concern.**

Create in us hearts guided by your mercy and love.

Assurance of Pardon

God requires of us three things:

to do justice,

to love kindness, and

to walk humbly with our God.

To all seek reconciliation and healing in kindness and humility,
God offers forgiveness and peace.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Scripture Job 19:23-27
 Psalm 17:1-9 (VU739)
 Luke 20:27-38

Job 19:23-27

O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Psalm 17:1-9 (VU739)

Refrain -

***Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 hide me under the shadow of your wing.***

Hear my just cause; attend to my cry, O God.

Listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie.

Let judgement in my favour come forth from your presence;
and let your eyes discern what is right.

If you examine my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me.

As for what others do, according to the command of your lips

I have kept from travelling with the violent.
**My steps have been firm in your paths,
and my feet have not stumbled.**

Refrain -

*Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wing.*

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me.
Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love;
**for by your right hand you save from their enemies
those who take refuge in you.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who assail me,
from deadly foes who surround me.

As for me, I shall see your face because my plea is just;
**when I awake and see your face,
I shall be satisfied.**

Refrain -

***Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wing.***

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

Meditation “God Shuffled His Feet” Crash Test Dummies

After seven days he was quite tired, so God said:

"Let there be a day-
Just for picnics with wine and bread."

He gathered up some people He had made
Created blankets, and laid back in the shade

The people sipped their wine
 And what with God there,
They asked him questions
 Like: Do you have to eat
Or get your hair cut in heaven?
 And if your eye got poked out in this life
Would it be waiting up in heaven with your wife?

God shuffled his feet
 And glanced around at them
The people cleared their throats
 And stared right back at Him

So he said:

 "Once there was a boy who woke up with blue hair.
To him it was a joy 'til he ran out to warm air...
 He thought of how his friends would come to see
Would they laugh, or had he got some strange disease?"

God shuffled his feet
 And glanced around at them
The people cleared their throats
 And stared right back at Him

The people sat waiting
 Out on their blankets in the garden
But God said nothing...
 So someone asked Him,
"I beg your pardon.
 I'm not quite clear about what you just spoke...
Was that a parable, or a very subtle joke?"

God shuffled his feet
And glanced around at them
The people cleared their throats
And stared right back at Him

Reflection

Barb Loynes and Carolyn Lunn

Hymn 613 We Cannot Measure How You Heal vs. 1, 5, 6 (tune 561)

We cannot measure how You heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.

So some have come who need Your help
and some have come to make amends;
your hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make Your broken people whole.

Invitation to the Offering

What we offer today is just a small gift, something that does not cost us so much. But we can also offer ourselves to make a difference for the sake of others in Christ's name.

Offering Options

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office

- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

Bless our small gifts with the possibilities your Spirit can create, so that justice and truth continue to prevail in the world you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for the Young

Hymn 623 "Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design"

Dear weaver of our lives' design
whose patterns all obey,
With skillful fingers gently guide
the sturdy threads that will survive
The tangle of our days.

Take up the fabric of our lives
with hands that gently hold;
Bind in the ragged edge that care
would sunder and that pain would tear,
And mend our ravelling souls.

Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
a hidden beauty see
Discern in us our richest hues,
show us the patterns we may use
To set our spirits free.

Prayers of the People

God of our past and our future,
God of healing and hope,

We come before you with grateful hearts
trusting that you walk with us through all the times of our lives.
We give you thanks for all the benefits we share
in a nation with many resources and many opportunities.
Yet we remember before you the many who do not have enough
and cannot see their way forward.
We remember before you those living with hunger
and communities struggling with the impact of fire and storm,
earthquake and famine.

We pray for all those working to relieve suffering in so many
precious lives
here and around the world.

God of these present times,

We give you thanks that we live in a country of relative peace and
good order,
a place where injustices past and present become subjects of
investigation.

We pray for the work of healing and reconciliation
engaging indigenous communities with other citizens in this
land.

Open hearts in mutual understanding and provide opportunities for
common enterprise.

We pray for those who have come to Canada,
fleeing violence and deprivation in their homelands.

Provide comfort and support through the generosity of neighbours
and protect newcomers from misunderstanding and
discrimination.

Guide us to create a sense of home that all can share.

God of time beyond our imagining,

We give you thanks for all we learn through scientific investigation

that stretches us to reimagine your creation in its vast mystery and beauty.

Thank you for increasing insight in medical science

and the possibilities it adds to your gifts of hope and healing.

We pray for all those who work in health care in this stressful time,
for patients waiting for treatment

and for those whose conditions find no relief.

Bless them with your Spirit of courage and comfort.

Thank you for increasing insight in climate science

and the awareness it gives about the impact of our lives on the wellbeing of the earth.

Create better agreement and cooperation in our communities

to protect the earth for future generations

by the ways we adapt our lifestyles now.

Bless us all with your Spirit of courage and commitment.

God of all life and each life,

In these moments of silence we hold before you those on our hearts
this day

who need to know you are near and that we care for them too:

Make us signs of hope and healing for every life we touch

for we are the followers of Jesus who dare to pray together the words he 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.**

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn MV 82 "Bathe Me In Your Light"

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.

Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.

Benediction

Jesus said "The kingdom of God is within you."

So go with courage, carrying seeds of the kingdom, sowing justice, kindness and mercy in Jesus' name.

And take with you the blessing of the God who made you,
the Christ who mends you
and the Spirit who gives you life. Amen

Choral Amen

Postlude "Chorale" (Young)
 Tune - "Quebec"