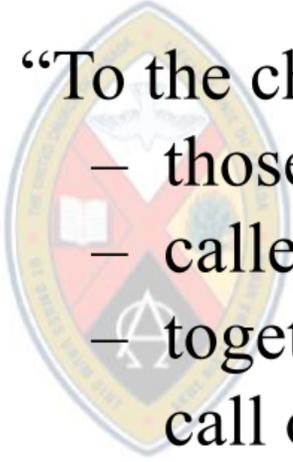


Second Sunday After Epiphany - A  
January 15, 2023



“To the church of God that is in Corinth,  
– those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
– called to be saints,  
– together with all those who in every place  
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
both their Lord and ours...”

### 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

During COVID, our rhythm was determined by, “What can we still do?” It was a season of adaptation.

For much of 2022, we made tentative steps into our new reality. It was a cautious season.

We are now entering a new, seemingly stable reality. We have changed as has our Community. It is, therefore, wise to consider what our new context is, who we are relative to that new new reality and what / where we are called to be within it.

To this end, we welcome **Rev Dr Peter Bartlett**, Minister supporting Visioning with Communities of Faith, Clusters and Social Justice and Outreach Networks will help us set our intention going forward.

Interaction and Discussion will follow Worship during a "**Lunch and Learn**" format in the **Church Hall**

**Welcoming New Members** - this phase of exploration is a good time to join us, as we listen for our Call together.

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates donations

Please pray for our **Children and Children's Programming**. In person Sunday School is the last Sunday of the Month

Life circumstances have changed for many of our Faithful Folk over the past few years. This includes new limitations in mobility and freedom to drive their own vehicles. In response to this, the Christian Community Team would like to know if there are among us those who are willing and able to pick somebody up in their vehicle on the way to Worship or other activities.

Soaking Prayer is offered each Sunday following the Service in the Chapel

January 16,

1:00pm, **Book Study** - Barefoot, Chapter 8

January 17, Tuesday -

6:00pm, **Potluck and Prayers**

January 18, Wednesday -

10:00am, **Bible Study**

7:00pm, **Council Budget Review**

January 25,

10:00am, **Bible Study**

12:30pm **Healing Pathway**

7:00pm, **Council**

January 29,

12:30pm, **Drum Circle**

Phase One “**An Introduction to Healing Pathway**” is being offered in Kemptville 20, 21 January

**The Belonging Project** - Experience and practice good connection through this introductory series of five sessions. Tuesday, 31 January to 28 February, 3-5pm in the Trinity Chapel

Want to know more? See the December Communicator or contact Carol Williams, 613 269 4427, [journey@ripnet.com](mailto:journey@ripnet.com)

Please plan to attend all five sessions for the full two hours

**Confirmation Class** will be held in the New Year

**Interlude**      886 "Arise, Shine"

### **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**

O Lord,

Open our lips,

**And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

Open our eyes,

**So that we may behold your presence.**

Open our ears,

**So that we may hear your call to follow.**

Open our hearts,

**So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Dear God, Creator, Redeemer,

Your faithfulness endures forever.

You offer us new life in Jesus and call us to follow him.  
You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love.  
In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge,  
until the day of our Lord arrives.  
And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you  
with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always.  
Amen.

**Hymn** We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

*Refrain -*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*First king; Melchior*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

*Refrain -*

*Second King: Gaspar*

Frankincense to offer have I,

Incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship him, God most high.

***Refrain -***

*Third king: Balthazar*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

***Refrain -***

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King, and God, and Sacrifice,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Earth to the heavens replies.

***Refrain -***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God,**

**You sent Jesus to seek and save the lost.**

**Help us find our way.**

**If we seek the next new thing  
instead of your gift of new life,**

**If we offer answers**

**without understanding the questions;**

**Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit,**

**and renew our commitment to find and follow your purposes revealed in Jesus.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths!  
Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day.  
The Way will open before us.

**We will follow in faith. Amen.**

**Scripture**                      Psalm 40: 1-11 (VU 764)  
  1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
  John 1:29-42

Psalm 40: 1-11 (VU 764)

### ***Refrain***

***You put a new song in my mouth,  
your name to glorify.***

I waited patiently for you, O God;  
you bent down and heard my cry.

**You lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many shall see and wonder,  
and will put their trust in you.**

### ***Refrain***

***You put a new song in my mouth,  
your name to glorify.***

Blessed are those whose trust is in God,  
**who have not turned to the proud,  
nor to those who follow a lie.**

O God, my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds  
**and your thoughts toward us;**  
**none can compare with you!**

I would proclaim and tell of them,  
**but they are more than can be numbered.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
**burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required.**

But you have opened my ears to hear, and I said:

"Here I am, ready to do what is written in the scroll of the  
book."

**I delight to do your will, O my God,**  
**your law is in my heart.**

*Refrain*

*You put a new song in my mouth,*  
*your name to glorify.*

I have told the glad news of deliverance in  
the great congregation;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you well know.

**I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart,**  
**but have spoken of your faithfulness**  
**and your saving help.**

I have not concealed your steadfast love,  
nor your truth from the great congregation.  
**Do not withhold from me your tender care, O God;**  
**may your love and truth ever preserve me.**

*Refrain*

*You put a new song in my mouth,*  
*your name to glorify.*

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth,  
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints,  
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with

water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**Meditation**    "Christmas Grace'

**Reflection**    Identity, Call, Community

**Hymn**    91 “The First Nowell”

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
*born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east beyond them far;

and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.***

## **Invitation to the Offering**

God has given us a new song in our hearts, a song of thankfulness and praise. So we bring our gifts with thanksgiving and hearts cheered by God's goodness.

## **Offering Options**

- E-transfers to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

## **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Bless each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Time for the Young**

**Hymn** 87 "I Am The Light Of The World"

*Refrain -*

*I am the light of the world!*

*You people come and follow me!"*

*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun...

***Refrain -***

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above!...

***Refrain -***

To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere!...

***Refrain -***

To bring hope to every task you do,  
to dance at a baby's new birth,  
to make music in an old person's heart,  
and sing to the colours of the earth!...

***Refrain -***

**Prayers of the People**

God of purpose and promise,

We open our hearts to you in prayer, trusting in your mercy to bear  
the burdens we carry.

We thank you for the work and witness of your Church,

bringing your Good News to lives and situations throughout the  
earth.

Today we pray for congregations that are struggling financially,  
for churches caught up in conflict,  
and for all those church members who are tired and need your  
renewing Spirit.

Guide them with your grace.

We thank you for the healing that comes from your hand  
in times of reconciliation when your forgiving love is at work,  
and in times when pain is eased and grief is comforted.

Today we pray for those whose emotions are raw,  
for those whose bodies are weakened in this winter of sickness  
and for any whose minds are troubled in any way.

Give hope for new life with you.

We lift to you people around the world  
who work for justice and unity to prevail in the midst of  
division:  
in nations where conflict has broken out or repression rules,  
in places facing poverty, famine or destruction from  
disaster,  
and anywhere racial and ethnic disparities weaken common  
life.

We pray for Canada in this time when resentments simmer and  
differences deepen.

Send your justice to bring relief and your peace to help understanding  
prevail.

As followers of Jesus, give us the courage to unite not only in prayer

but also in action for the needs of this world.  
Strengthen us to work together, despite our differences,  
so others may see what it means to follow you in Christ's name.  
And so we join in the prayer Jesus 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](#)**      Dominion-Chalmers United Church

**[Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)**      Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi  
Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

**We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love**

**Hymn** 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you,  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy!

**Benediction**

Go with strength and humility, for you are servants of our Saviour  
who walks with you.

And may the grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the friendship of the Holy Spirit  
bless and sustain you, now and always. Amen.

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** "The Three Kings" (arr. Young)

## 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
Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle