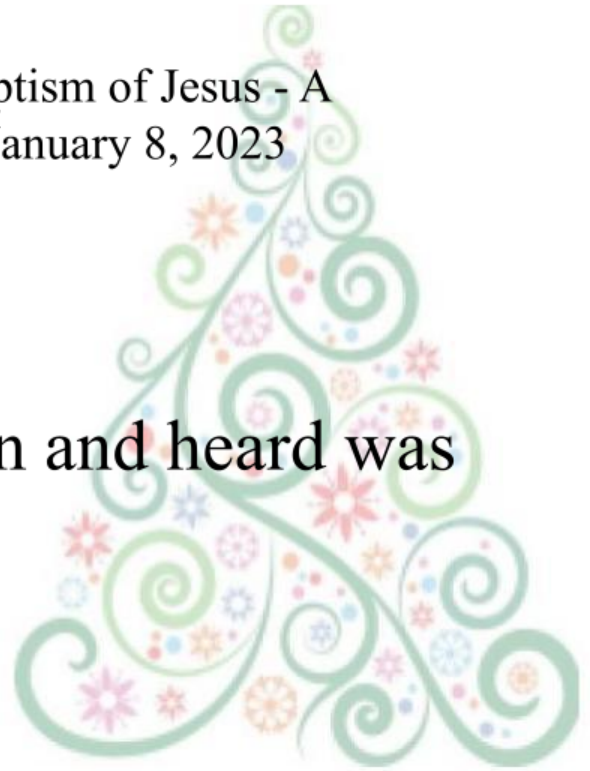




Baptism of Jesus - A
January 8, 2023

“Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.”



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

We are delighted to welcome Kaden Chambers as guest musician this morning

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

January 9, Monday -

10:00am - **UCW Church Hall**

1:00pm - **Book Group**, Barefoot, Chapter 6, in-person or remote

January 11, Wednesday -

10:00am - **Bible Study**, Gospel of Mark, in person or remote

7:00pm – **Spiritual Leadership Team meeting** -remote

January 15, Sunday -

10:30am - **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**

January 17, Tuesday -

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

January 18, Wednesday -

Council Budget Review

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

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

Confirmation Class will be held in the New Year

Interlude

"O, Holy Night"

(Adam)

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

Invocation

O come you source of Love unto us all
Enlighten us and help us hear your call
to bear your Love out into the wild and
celebrate God's wondrous holy child!

**Emmanuel has come to us
And all things shall be well**

The Holy astonishes us with good news
And we find Awe

Opening Prayer

Creator God,

You formed the heavens and stretched them over us;
You spread out the earth and made it fruitful.
From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, your Son,
to touch the earth with healing and hope.

We praise you for all the gifts you have given us in Christ and in creation.

In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you,

to serve in the name of Christ Jesus,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and
always. Amen.

Hymn

60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,
very God, begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See, how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in Birth, Baptism and reBirth you promise forgiveness and life.

We often prefer our old ways.

and timidly face new opportunities you set before us.

We cling to comfortable habits.

**Have mercy upon us and guide us to live with courage and grace
through Jesus.**

Assurance of Pardon

Before the world was made, we were chosen to be part of God's family. God calls us to new life in Christ, so trust in God's forgiveness and grace.

Scripture Isaiah 52:7-10

What a beautiful sight!

On the mountains a messenger
announces to Jerusalem,
“Good news! You're saved.

There will be peace.

Your God is now King.”

Everyone on guard duty,
sing and celebrate!

Look! You can see the Lord
returning to Zion.

Jerusalem, rise from the ruins!

Join in the singing.
The Lord has given comfort to his people;
he comes to your rescue.

The Lord has shown all nations
his mighty strength;
now everyone will see
the saving power of our God.

Meditation "O Christmas Tree"
Kaden Chambers

Children's Time Always Somebody's Baby

Hymn 69 "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Scripture Luke 2:1-20 (CEV)

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all

the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

"Praise God in heaven!
Peace on earth to everyone
who pleases God."

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and

saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

Reflection

Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

Offering

God has commissioned us to spread the Good News that God is at work in the world and that we are loved and blessed in Jesus' name. We offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for all this Good News.

Offering Options

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

Offering Prayer

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to spread your love in the world. And make us blessing to all those whom we encounter. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

You invite us to bring to God our doubts and fears,

our joys and concerns, our petitions and our praise.

We thank you that you are with us in every circumstance,

and that you walk with us through times of celebration and sorrow.

This day, we open our hearts to you,

knowing your Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words.

Where people are facing danger or living under duress;
where people are persecuted for who they are or what they believe,
send your Spirit with courage and comfort...

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where people have suffered the loss of love or purpose;
and where love seems complicated and challenging,
send your Spirit to bind up the brokenhearted...

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where people are ill and worry for their future;
where people suffer pain or disability and long for healing;
and where people face the limits to life and options have run out,
send your Spirit with healing and hope...

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where people seek a reliable friend, a true comforter or wise adviser;
where the lonely long for company to cheer them,
and where isolation makes people doubt their value to others,
send your Spirit of wisdom and companionship...

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Where new life is beginning and hope dawns;
where there is laughter and joy, healing and positive change,
where there is good news to celebrate

and opportunities open up for the year ahead,
send your Spirit with rejoicing and gratitude...

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

These things we pray in Jesus' name, gathering our prayers into one voice in 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.**

EOORC Prayer Cycle Orleans Pastoral Charge

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle Iran, Iraq, Syria

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Hymn

67 "Silent Night"

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,

Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Commission and Blessing

You are God's beloved. Go in the assurance of this love, to engage the challenges God sets before us with confidence.

And may God who is the Source, Saviour and Spirit of life go with you, and give you joy and peace, now and always.

Choral Amen

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