



Reign of Christ - A  
26 November, 2023

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world”

*Matthew 25:34b*

### **Welcome and announcements**

Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

– Trinity is an Affirming Congregation

We continue to pray for those who were impacted by the  
legacy of Residential Schools.

Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday  
through Thursday (Stat holidays on Mondays, the office  
is closed).

**In person Sunday School** is the 2nd and last Sunday of  
each month

**September/October** – Services will be held in the  
Church Hall until the repairs are completed in  
the Sanctuary.

**Smiths Falls Community Food Bank** appreciates  
donations.

### **16 Days of Activism – November 25 to December 10<sup>th</sup>**

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based violence  
is an annual international campaign that kicks off on  
November 25<sup>th</sup>, the International Day for the elimination  
of Violence against Women, and runs until December  
10<sup>th</sup>, Human Rights Day. There are calendars available

on the front table, which also includes ways you can get involved. You can also go to the following link at Lanark County Interval House <https://lcih.org/16-days/16-days-of-activism-what-you-can-do-to-end-vaw/>

**Sounds of Christmas** - Annual Family Concert to be held tonight, **November 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at Bethel Pentecostal Church, 301 Highway 29. Please bring an offering for the Hamper Drive. Also, finger foods or Christmas baking are welcome for the fellowship afterwards. This is a Smiths Falls Ministerial Presentation.

**Chair Exercise** – will be **cancelled** starting Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will not start again until possibly late January or early February of 2024. Those who have been attending will be contacted when a date has been determined.

**Advent Devotional Time** – Starting on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**, the Spiritual Leadership Team will be sponsoring an Advent Devotional every Wednesday. Please plan to join us!

**Christmas in Merrickville - Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Choir Concert at the Merrickville United Church at 2 p.m. located at the main corner in town, across the road from the Blockhouse. Trinity's choir is participating, as well as choirs from Merrickville and Kemptville. Grant Birtch will be playing for the Christmas carols and songs. Admission to the concert is a monetary donation for the food bank. In addition, there will be free hot dogs and hot chocolate along St. Lawrence Street and many other festivities throughout the day.

**Carols from the Barrel** – A Seasonal Celebration with **The Barrel Boys** presented by Trinity United Church (fund-raiser) to be held on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 11 Church St. West. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$10 under 13 years of age. Tickets will be for sale following Sunday services until the event, at the office Monday to Thursday 9am to 1pm, or purchase on the Barrel Boys website at [www.thebarrelboys.com/shows](http://www.thebarrelboys.com/shows)

**UCW meeting – Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am followed by a pot luck lunch** - We will be planning our 2024 Budget and holding an election for position of President, Vice-President and Secretary.

**National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – December 6<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall at Trinity United Church hosted by the Smiths Falls Women's Inter-church Group. 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. Please join us as we mourn their loss and remember their lives, and we reaffirm our commitment to fight the hatred that led to this tragedy, and the misogyny that still exists today. All are welcome! In addition, there is also a Vigil at **6 p.m.** in the park outside of Crystal Palace in Perth sponsored by the Lanark County Interval House.

**White Gift Sunday – December 10<sup>th</sup>** – In keeping with our inclusive dedication, please “wrap” your gift and on

the tag simply state the “item” and what age group the gift is suitable for. Let’s keep gender out of it.

**Advent Walk – Sunday, December 10th, 4:30 p.m.** – note the date change above as there was an error in last week’s bulletin. Join in this Advent Tradition where we journey from church to church hearing the Advent Scriptures. We start at St. Francis de Sales and make our way to Trinity United, Westminster Presbyterian and end at St. John’s Anglican.

**Note from Property Team** – Please remember to advise someone on the property team if food or drink is spilled on the carpet, and you are unable to completely remove the spot. This will ensure it can be cleaned in a timely manner. With our thanks!

**Christmas Cards** are set up in the Fellowship Hall for signing. There are also packages of cards for sale.

**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 to the Church. Last day for donations is **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Diane Combdon or Joanne Hunter for any questions.

**Healing Pathway** – Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Trinity United and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at St. Paul’s United in Perth. Practitioners meet at 1 p.m. Recipient appointments are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please contact the Church Secretary at 613-283-4444 for a specific appointment and/or additional information.

**Gifts with Vision** – In thinking about the upcoming Christmas season, Gifts with Vision is an excellent way to support those less fortunate such as providing a secure supply of food, fresh and clean water, reliable power, a social support network, clean laundry, and much more. Please visit [www.giftswithvision.ca](http://www.giftswithvision.ca) to view the many initiatives that Gifts with Vision is involved with.

**Social Time After Church** – Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

### **Future Events**

**Peter Woods & Friends Concert** – (Postponed to Spring 2024)

**Introit:** VU 335 “At the Name of Jesus” (vs. 1, 5)

### **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**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** VU 213 “Rejoice, the Lord is King” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**God most merciful,**

**Help us to love fully and forgive wholly.**

**You offer us freedom; we are comfortable  
with the familiar.**

**You offer us hope; we prefer knowing with  
certainty.**

**Teach us to give up cautious faith,  
so that we can offer you our whole lives,  
and commit to following Jesus into the future  
you are creating.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **The Peace**

**Scripture:** Psalm 95:1-7 (VU814, Part One)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Meditation:** VU 457 “As We Gather at Your Table”

## **Reflection**

## **Communion**

**Hymn:** VU 215 “Hope of the World” (vs. 1,2,5) (tune  
VU 329)

## **Offertory:**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Prayer:**

## **Offering Options**

- On the table by the entrance to Church Hall
- E-transfers to [secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca](mailto:secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca)
- Delivery to church office
- Through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

**Hymn:** VU 328 “Jesu, Joy of our Desiring”

## **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer** - Sung - (VU 960)

**EOORC Prayer Cycle**

Rockland Pastoral Charge  
St. Andrew's United Church

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

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

**Time for the Young**

**Hymn:** VU 472 “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

**Benediction:**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** VU 468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues  
Employ”



Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 11:00am	Chair Exercise
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Last Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 2:00pm	Van Horne Retirement Residence
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, 9:30am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
First Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Second Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.	Christian Community Meeting
Third 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, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second and Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle