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UNITED CHURCH
The heart in the heart of Huntsville

WELCOME

We're glad
you're here!



*Loving hearts.
Open minds.
Serving hands.*

Welcome to Trinity

Sunday, September 15th, 2024
Creation Time 2
10 am

“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands.”

“The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville.”

*(Stand as you are able where marked *)*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Lynda Arnold*

***Processional Introit:** (MV 28 – refrain)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful you do not change. (repeat).

Welcome

Announcements/Joys and Concerns

Acknowledgement of the Land

Lighting the Christ Candle (Light Bearers)

One: We light this candle knowing that Jesus brings light, love and truth and that his light can shine through our actions.

Moment of Quiet Meditation

Call To Worship

One: Like the riot of colour-filled leaves that will soon be collecting on the ground.

All: We come - diverse and distinct, yet collected together.

One: Like increasingly barren tree branches reaching to the heavens.

All: We come - preparing for the worst, yearning for the light.

One: We come in hope, in faith, and in trust.

All: We come to worship as a family of faith, eager to commune in God as one.

One: Let us live Christ’s mission as our creative inspiration.

All: Let us sing, dance, and rejoice in love revealed.

Gord Dunbar, Gathering S/A 2012 B, p 38

Prayer Of Approach (in unison)

Loving God, source of wisdom, guide and train us in your ways. Show us how to use the gifts you have given us that they may point others to your glorious presence. Give us ideas that will bring all humankind closer to your kingdom. Show us how to take care of all creation. Give us the words and the courage to use them that we may be your steward servants in the world. Amen. Nina Fulford

***Hymn:** *“Let All Things Now Living” (VU 242)*

Prayer Of Confession (in unison)

We come before you, O God, knowing that we have often failed to speak up against injustice and that by our own words we have wounded others. We often forget that everything we do affects your glorious creation.

Too often we rely on the world's guidance rather than divine wisdom that moves us to live in your truth.

Nina Fulford

(silent prayer)

Assurance Of Pardon (in unison)

God loves us beyond belief; beyond what we deserve; beyond the highest of human love. In love, God forgives us and sets us on a right path. In Jesus Christ, forgiveness is ours. Thanks be to God. Amen. Nina Fulford

Light Bearer Hymn: *“O Lord My God” (VU 238)*

Time with our Light Bearers

Blessing

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Special Music: *“Lean on Me” (Ian McTavish and Steve Salt)*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Today's Scripture Reader is Shirley Boon.

Prayer of Illumination

Open our minds and hearts to your deep and cleansing wisdom that is hidden in the words of scripture we hear today. Amen. Nina Fulford

Proverbs 1:20-33 New Revised Standard Version

(Wisdom is personified as a woman offering something free for anyone, in the way some were selling food or clothing in the streets.)

Mark 8:27-38 New Revised Standard Version

(Jesus asks the disciples who they think he is. They answer and then he tells them that his life may not unfold as they expect.)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Amen.

Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Hymn: *“O Christian, Love” (VU 594)*

Prayers Of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (VU 910)

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Though we don't think of ourselves as rich, we are, compared to most of the world. May what we give make a difference. Some of us give by putting something in the plate today; some have already given through a commitment to PAR. God calls us to this act of generosity as part of our response to his amazing love.

***Offering Hymn** (tune of Edelweiss)

God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will,
guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
Bless this offering we bring you.

Dedication of the Offering (in unison)

Out of our abundance we offer but a little. With your blessing, O Lord, may it be used for your glory. Amen.

Nina Fulford

Passing The Peace of Christ (gestures only)

“The peace of Christ be with you.”
“And with you.”

Hymn: “Deep in Our Hearts” (MV 154)

Commissioning

One: Let us go from this place

All: filled with the power of God’s Spirit

One: ready to extend our hands to care for others and God’s earth.

All: This is our response to God’s love. Nina Fulford

Blessing

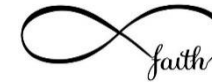
Celtic Benediction

Musical Postlude: Lynda Arnold



Join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service for a glass of lemonade and fellowship time.

Your hosts today: Faye McKnight, Judy White and Sally McClelland.



Spiritual thought for your week

If Jesus was the word
made flesh
for purpose,
why do we smother him in words again,
instead of reaching out
with loving
suffering hands
to make real contact
with people,
as he did?

- Marjorie Dobson, p122, Seeing Christ in Others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Kitchen, two of our local food banks.



➤ **September is CRACKERS!**

Monday, September 16th: Camp Big Canoe Afternoon Outing!

Be a kid again!

Meet at Trinity at 1:00 pm to carpool. We'll arrive at Camp around 2:00 pm, have a tour, then go for a wonderful Fall stroll, followed by a social time/refreshments around the campfire at the waterfront on Hart Lake. Please bring a folding chair, your favourite campfire song, and a donation to the Camp (\$10-\$20 suggested) or donate to the page:

<https://www.campbigcanoe.ca/about-us/fundraising/>

To reserve see Marion Nichols today at Coffee Hour, or call: 705-788-2993.

We need to know you're coming, so we don't leave anyone behind!

The following interment will take place at Hutcheson Cemetery:

- Maurice McGill – Thursday September 19th at 11:30 am.

Benevolent Fund Basket

Please remember the Benevolent Fund Basket in Trinity Hall at coffee hour after Worship. Your donation for your coffee and goodies helps the Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are going through a difficult time in their lives. Thank you for your support.



Things happening on our official " Back to Church" Sunday, September 22, 2024!

We are inviting our Light Beamers to bring their school knapsacks into church for a back-to-school blessing.



These knapsacks are more than just containers for books and supplies, they are symbols of the opportunities ahead, the challenges to be faced and the lessons to be learned. The blessing is a reminder that God walks with each student guiding them and encouraging them to shine their light and goodness out into the world. Rev. D.

The Worship Team will be serving a hotdog lunch for ALL after the service. Bring your family; bring a friend! Come and celebrate the end of summer and a new year ahead for Trinity. The choir will be back with special music. See you there!



Trinity's **Stewardship Team** leaders are Gord Mitchell and Jane Booker. The purpose of the Stewardship Team is to ensure 'opportunities exist for everyone' to share their time, talents and financial support. Be sure to check out the 'Back to Church' opportunities on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall! This team has led the way with our monthly FundScrip program and also our annual Silent Auction. If you have an idea for fundraising, be sure to coordinate with them on date availability!

We are hoping for some 100th anniversary events/activities over this next year.

This is the 100th year for the United Church of Canada!



Our **Inspirit Team** launched its first ever day long spiritual retreat this summer called CPR for the Soul. In July participants embraced their time away to learn about spiritual practices of prayer, attentiveness and stillness. In the end, our spiritual cups were topped up.

In August "**Dock Talk**" was back by popular demand. Participants joined in a circle of conversation sharing stories and deepening connections with each other all under the shelter of a gazebo- too hot on the dock! And what would a summer afternoon be without an ice cream treat?

Planning for this fall's Inspirit Speaker series began this summer. This series will begin on **Thursday October 17th** in Trinity Hall. Speakers will be in person as well as visiting by Zoom because of travelling limitations. The series will run for four weeks beginning with dessert at 6:30 pm and speaker's presentation commencing at 7:00 pm. A list of speakers will be announced shortly.

Postponed - September 10th until October 8th Inspirit is hosting a book study called The Gift of Years- Growing Old Gracefully by Sister Joan Chittister. This book explores the struggles and surprises and the potential and the profound purpose of growing older. Spaces are still available.

"Mug Up with the Minister" returns the first Thursday in every month, with the exception of summer, on **Thursday October 3rd**. To kick start our new season we are having a guest speaker who will be discussing nurturing faith in our children and grandchildren.



The Friends of Fairvern are hosting their main fundraiser of 2024 on Saturday September 21st at the Huntsville Legion. The name of the fundraiser is "Meatballs and Mind Games" and it consists of an Authentic Italian Dinner followed by a performance by Buzz Collins, one of North America's leading psychological entertainers. A number of great Items have also been donated by local businesses for the Silent Auction portion of the event.

Doors open at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00 and the show to begin at 8:00. Tickets are \$65.00 and can be purchased in advance on-line from the Algonquin Theatre's website or in person at the Summit Centre information desk (see poster on board for full details.)

Please get your tickets and show your support of Fairvern Nursing Home residents. Thank you!

A life well lived ... but never easy to say goodbye.

It is with heavy hearts that Diane and the Knowles family announce that Patricia Joan Rorke crossed over to the other side of this life on Monday September 9th with her family by her side. She was 91 years old. "We miss her already."

Donations in mom's memory may be made to the MS Society of Canada or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Reverend Diane

"Death is not the extinguishing of the light but the blowing out of the candle because the dawn has come."

