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WELCOME

We're glad
you're here!



*Loving hearts
Open minds
Serving hands*

Welcome to Trinity

Sunday, September 29th, 2024
10 am

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

“In welcoming others, we mirror God’s grace and love.”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Lynda Arnold*

Introit (new): *“Love will be my guide”* (Scott Kearns)

(Sing Twice)

**In what I do,
in where I go,
through all my life,
I want to know -
that love will be my guide**

**In how I talk,
In what I choose,
In how I gain,
In how I lose -
Oh, love will be my guide.**

(Chorus)

**Love will guide me, love will lead,
I will follow in word and deed.
Love will be my guide.**

Greeting

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: We will rejoice and give thanks in it.

Welcome in friendship! Welcome in faith!
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and hospitable love!

Jesus didn’t exclude anybody and neither do we!
Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your
spiritual journey we’re glad you’re here united in Spirit
as we celebrate God’s presence together.

Announcements

Joys/Concerns/God Moments?

*“Wherever we go, God is present also. We are in God and God
is in us. God is here. In you. In me. In between.”*

- Rev. Dawn

A Moment of Mediation

Call to Worship

One: As the crisper air of autumn surrounds us, God calls
us and welcomes us in this sacred space, both here and
online.

**All: We know that God’s welcoming love unites us
wherever and whenever we gather.**

One: As the trees release their leaves, letting go of what is
old, let us release anything that prevents us from offering
true hospitality to God, to one another and to the
strangers among us.

**All: We gather, seeking to live with open hands and
open hearts ready to show love to everyone in our
grand human family. Let us celebrate God’s presence
with joy and welcoming hearts!**

Opening Hymn: *“Come In, Come In and Sit Down”* (VU 395)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light our Christ candles both here and at home, we are reminded that the light of Jesus welcomes everyone around life's table.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, as we gather together, we are reminded of the call to extend Your love through the practice of hospitality. You have welcomed us all offering grace and love without condition. Help us to offer in return a warm embrace to those who seek shelter, comfort and connection. May our homes, our church and especially our hearts be places of refuge for the hurting people in our world.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

One: Tomorrow, September 30th, is a day we honour the survivors of our residential schools, their families and communities as well as the children who never returned home. Today during our anthem time, we are recognizing the contributions and importance of our Indigenous people in our country.

Land Acknowledgment and Introduction of:

"My Paddle's Keen and Bright"

My Paddle's Keen and Bright

Flashing with silver.

My paddle's keen and bright

Flashing with silver

Follow the wild goose flight

Dip, dip and swing
Dip, dip and swing her back
Flashing with silver
Swift as the wild goose flies
Dip, dip and swing

Our Light Beamers Song: "God's Light Is in Me"

(tune of Jesus Love Me)

**Look at me you'll see God's light,
shining in my eyes so bright.**

**Look at me you'll see God live,
in all the love that I can give.**

God's light is in me.

God's light is in me.

God's light is in me.

For all the world to see.

Time with our Light Beamers - Welcome Back!

It's time to hear the stories of Jesus and how his stories teach us a better way to live. We strive to teach our Light Beamers to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, following his movement and mission of hope, forgiveness and love. During our time with our Light Beamers our goal is to teach them how to be their best selves so they can in return go into the world to help other people.

With God's help, may this be so. Rev. Diane

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture Reader today is Jeannette McCullough.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of Grace may your word of truth abide deep within our souls. May we not only listen to God's Word but also live it out in our daily lives. True blessing comes when we apply God's Word to our lives.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10

(Abraham becomes the first biblical model of human hospitality. Our practice of hospitality today is grounded in our ancient story.)

Reader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

All: And a light to our path.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

(Hospitality builds meaningful relationships both in our personal lives and within the church. The early church thrived in large part because of the deep fellowship created by shared meals, homes and lives.)

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

All: Amen.

The Minister's Message: *"An open-door policy of the heart."*

A Brief Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

One: Welcoming God, as you have shown us hospitality, we now offer our gifts as a reflection of that same spirit. In our act of giving and in compassionate sharing, God is made known, and love comes alive.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be welcomed and gratefully received.

New Offering Hymn: "To Love More Truly"

**To love more truly this is my goal.
To care more deeply with all my soul.
To show compassion, extend forgiveness.
To make a difference, I give my all.**

Offering Prayer

Hospitable God, bless what we give as a sign of our desire to welcome others into Your love. Use these gifts to extend Your hospitality to those in need, for those without shelter, food for the hungry and comfort for the lonely. May these gifts build a community of love where all feel welcomed, valued and embraced. Through us and these gifts may Your love reach far beyond these walls. Amen.

Hymn: *"Prayer" (sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me.")*

**God of life and God of love,
Holy Spirit, Blessed Dove,
in each moment of my life,
in times joyful, times of strife,
listen to the words I share,
as I come to you in prayer.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(A Paraphrase as found in VU page 916)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven.**

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.
In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *“We Are One” (VU 402)*

(This hymn speaks to unity and inclusion, celebrating the oneness we share in Jesus- a key aspect of Christian hospitality.)

One: Let us go forth now feeling blessed and refreshed,
embracing all people with hospitality and kindness.

The Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold us all in the palm of God’s hand.
Amen.

New Sung Blessing: *“We Will Go out in Love”*

We will go out in love!
We will go out and bring love to the world!
We will go out in love!
We will live God’s love.
We will live God’s love!

Postlude: *Lynda Arnold*

“Lynda, thank you for sharing your gift of music
and talents with us today!”



*Join us in Trinity Hall following today’s service for a cup of
tea or coffee and fellowship time.*

Your hosts today: Carol and Murray Mason.



Spiritual thought for your week

*“You are a living miracle of muscle, tissue and cells infused
with Divine Love. All the care I have given to creating you is
not by chance for I created you from love and to be love.*

*When we offer hospitality, we act as vessels of that divine love
thus embodying the very heart of the gospel.”*



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!**

Trinity's Financial Report to August 31st, 2024

Income \$168,769 up 12.5% from last year.

Expenses \$178,715 up 16.2% from last year.

Deficit \$9,947.

Your FundScrip orders are due next week!!



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Coffee for Sale!

A new shipment of Kenyan coffee has arrived. Proceeds go to the Home of Grace Orphanage in rural Kenya.

Cathy and Craig Fairley will be selling coffee on the first Sunday of every month in Trinity Hall during Coffee Hour. That's next week!!



Looking ahead:

- **Therapeutic Touch** – Monday May 27th at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.

- **Inspirit Book Study Group** – Tuesday October 1st at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.
- The **Knitting Circle** will meet on Wednesday October 2nd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room. Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.
- **Mug Up with the Minister is back!** – Join us this coming Thursday October 3rd at 10 am and enjoy a cup of coffee with your church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. To kick off our fall season, we have invited a special guest speaker via technology to join us. Natalie Frisk will be sharing her ideas of how we can nurture faith and build spiritual muscles in our children and our grandchildren. Bring along your own mug and we will supply the coffee or tea. Join us for coffee and connection at 10 am the first Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there! Rev. D
- **Inspirit Speaker Series** - 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.
- **Cornhole and pizza** returns to Trinity on Friday, October 18th! Mark your calendars now for this fun, entertaining evening. Sheila Ramshaw will be defending her trophy and hoping to hold onto it for another year! Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

