

## Communication & Technology

We are especially thankful to our Communication & Technology Team for bringing our worship services into our homes both near and far through YouTube.

Their purpose is to help the congregation become “a vibrant, progressive, innovative” community within and beyond the local church. More recently this team worked on rebranding all print and visual materials including updating the website and Trinity’s bulletin boards. All aspects of communicating are promoted including over 390 Facebook followers!

If you would like to become involved on this team, please speak to the Team Leader Alastair Dunlop.

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# WELCOME

We're glad  
you're here!



Loving hearts  
Open minds  
Serving hands

# Welcome to Trinity

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Together for Thanksgiving

10 am

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

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*“Gratitude turns everything into enough.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Kyung-A Lee*

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

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

(Sing Twice)

## Greeting

One: Jesus said: “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.”

**All: In our lives, may this be so.**

One: Welcome in friendship! Welcome in faith!

Welcome in Gratitude and Thanksgiving!

## Announcements

## Joys/Concerns/God Moments

## The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The flaming leaves of autumn are like the fire of Christ’s spirit. We light the candle as a symbol of God’s many blessings in our lives.

## A Moment of Meditation

## Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: God’s world is aglow. Mother Nature is flaunting her finest of moments, dressed in her glorious and awesome autumn garb. So many wonderful sights, Holy One.

**All: Creator God, we thank you!**

One: The aroma of smoke from a wood fire, turkey roasting in the oven and freshly baked bread sitting on the kitchen counter. So many wonderful smells, Holy One.

**All: Creator God, we thank you!**

One: This weekend stories are being shared and relationships renewed. The bounty of the fields is like the fullness of God’s love.

**All: Let our hearts be grateful and may we show our gratitude by the way we live and care for others.**

One: Come, let us celebrate one another and God’s presence together!

**Opening Hymn:** *“Make a Joyful Noise” Psalm 100 (VU pg. 820)*

### **Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, help us to be mindful of the wonderful beauty and blessings that surround us each and every day- not just on a holiday weekend. It’s so easy for us to miss the goodness that surrounds us. Remind us again that the little things are the big things in life. Time spent sitting around the kitchen table breaking bread, sharing laughter and the details of our lives together. We pray the abundance of this world be shared, that fear is transformed into love and the lonely find welcome. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem:** *“We Bring Our Thanks”*

**Light Beamer Song:** *“Thank You Song” (tune of Jesus Loves Me)*

**Thank you for this lovely day.** (arms wide open)  
**Thank you for the ways to pray.** (hands together)  
**Thank you for the friends we see.** (wave to friends)  
**Thank you for your love for me.** (hug self)  
**Yes, God, we thank you.** (hands out, palms up)  
**Yes, God, we thank you. Yes, God, we thank you.**  
**We thank you every day.** (hands over heart)

### **Time with our Light Beamers**

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 growing in kindness and love. As their hearts grow larger, they can then go into the world and be the light of Christ, of love, for others.

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

*Our Scripture Reader today is Judy White.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

One: God of Grace, as we hear these words, inspire us to live out your story of love in our everyday lives. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading: Luke 17: 11-19**

*(Jesus heals ten people but only one remembers and gives thanks. Perhaps we too have forgotten to give thanks sometimes.)*

Reader: Hear the words being spoken to our hearts.

**All: Our hearts are open to receive Spirit’s wisdom.  
Amen.**

**The Minister’s Message:** “Where is our gratitude?”

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

### **Our Offering Invitation**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to share our abundance and blessings with others. At this time of year, we are especially reminded we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Your morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

**Our 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.**

## Our Offering Prayer

God of love, we give this offering as part of our caring for your world. We know we are called to share our blessings with our neighbour, our neighbour is anybody in need. Take these gifts, bless them and transform them into compassion for others here and afar. 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

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.

Our Closing Hymn: *"For the Fruits of all Creation"* (VU227)

## Commissioning

Go forth from here into the world feeling loved, blessed and thankful!

## The Benediction

May the love that made the stars be our guiding light.  
May the love revealed in Jesus be our hope and inspiration.  
And may the love of the ever-present Spirit- give us courage and joy now and forever. Amen.

## 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 go out in love!**

## Postlude: *Kyung-A Lee*



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

*Your hosts today are Julie and John Brushey.*





## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Are you saying the grace for Thanksgiving dinner this year?

Here's a Thanksgiving grace you may use:

***May we be thankful for food in a world where many walk in hunger, for faith in a world where many walk in fear and for friends in a world where many walk alone.  
Amen.***

From our home to yours,  
wishing you a gratitude filled heart and  
joyful blessings to you and your family today and always.

Rev. D and family  
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**A Celebration of Life** will be held for **Justine McDonnell** on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will follow in Trinity Hall.



**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.

### ➤ **October is TINNED CORN!**

**Kitchen Clean Up!** This Sunday there will be a table against the back wall in Trinity Hall that will have "kitchen treasurers" on it. Please take a moment to have a look and if you recognize your item, please take it home. There will be other "treasurers", please feel free to take these home too! Any items that are left behind will be donated to the recycle program. Thank you! The Kitchen Cleanup Crew!

Everyone is invited to **Trinity's Cornhole evening** – this Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in Trinity Hall! \$15/person and \$35/family includes: pop, pizza, sweet treats, cornhole games, entertainment (if you prefer to watch!) and prizes!

Register ahead at the office or, after church today, see Marion Nichols, or pay at the door.

Come on out- bring the kids or grandkids - fun for the whole family - Hope to see you there!

**Chuck's Coffee House is back!** Live Acoustic Music - **Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Trinity Hall!**

It's gonna be a fun night out for \$10 - no tickets required! For more information call Chuck 705-571-1229.



## TRINITY'S INSPIRIT TEAM PRESENTS

### A Fall Speaker Series in Celebration of the United Church of Canada's 100 Anniversary!

The series starts on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> and runs for four Thursday's including October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> (October 31<sup>st</sup> excluded).

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

#### Special Guests include:

##### October 17<sup>th</sup>

Sheridan Rondeau author of the book: "Dear Tony" - a memoir about Alzheimer's disease and the challenges for the person with it and their family members. All done with a touch of humour!

##### October 24<sup>th</sup>

Lori Knowles, a local Muskoka author, will share her summer sell out novel called: "Summer's with Miss Elizabeth." Knowles explores the intricacies of family generational dynamics while skillfully weaving in the destructive family skeletons that jump out of the "old money" Muskoka cottage.

##### November 7<sup>th</sup>

Social worker Bernadine Togertz will be discussing the topic of estranged adult children. Why do they cut off ties and communication with their parents? And more importantly how can we move from conflict to connection again. What can be done to help repair these broken relationships? This issue is more prevalent than we may think.

##### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a plan for your future health and personal care? While many of us think it's a good idea, in reality less than 20 percent of us actually have a plan. Join Dr. Pam McDermott as she shows us how we can take control of our health care journey through advanced care planning.

Dessert is served between 6: 30 and 6: 55 pm.

Presentations begin at 7 pm.

Come and bring a friend!

Trinity United Church- the heart in the heart of Huntsville!

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