

## Pastoral Care Team

The purpose of the Pastoral Care Team is to “encourage and support each other”.

This Team works in conjunction with the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Judy White, the Minister, Rev Diane and a wonderful team of Trinity volunteers who visit and check in with members of Trinity’s congregation as needed. Another part of this team’s oversight is to encourage new members by meeting, welcoming and integrating them into the life and programs of our Community of Faith.

If you would like to be involved with this team, please speak to Judy White.



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# WELCOME

We're glad  
you're here!



Loving hearts  
Open minds  
Serving hands

# Welcome to Trinity

National Child Sunday

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10 am

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

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*“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity.*

*It is an act of justice.”*

Nelson Mandela

## 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 and in the lives of children everywhere,  
may this be so.**

Good morning and a warm welcome to everybody, both here and in your sacred spaces online, on this our special Children’s Sunday.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and abundant love!

What kind of week have you had? Some are coming with your hearts heavy while others of you are more jubilant. Whatever emotions you are feeling today, come on in and allow the presence of Spirit to be with you.

We aspire to be better humans in order to build a better world for ALL God’s people. If you’re visiting with us or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you’re here with us. May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

## Announcements

### Joys/Concerns/God Moments

*(God is in the business of moving into the neighbourhood of humanity. In our joys and sorrow, in our peaceful times and our moments of crisis, God sticks it out right alongside us.)*

## The Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light our Christ candle today, may we remember that Jesus is the light of our world. May our lives be a window through which this light shines.

## Moment of Meditation

### Call to Worship

One: We gather together today and ask the question: What does God require of us?

**All: To seek justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Who are we called to be as followers of Jesus?

**All: We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and to serve others.**

One: We gather to open ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort and God's whirlwind of challenge for change and abundance for all God's people especially the children.

**Opening Hymn:** *"We Are One" (VU 402 - verses 1, 2 and 4)*

### Opening Prayer

**Companion God, for those who hunger give them bread. For those who have bread help us to hunger for a just distribution of power and food. If our bellies are full, conspire with us to help provide nourishment and food security for all. We give thanks for those who are already partnering with others to foster equitable resource sharing. Let us follow their lead and their light. May there come a day when "have not" will be no more. Amen.**

**Anthem:** *"We Have One Faith"*

*Our anthem "We Have One Faith," invites us to celebrate Jesus' love. It speaks of the strength we find in gathering*

*young and old, meek and bold, united in praise for our eternal King. Through this anthem, we express our gratitude for all that God has done and affirm our commitment to continue His work. With Jesus as our sure foundation and cornerstone, we place our trust in Him, standing firmly on His unchanging love. We lift our voices together, rejoicing and praising Jesus as our King of Kings.*

**Light Beamer Song:** *"Will the Circle be Unbroken" and "This Little Light of Mine."*

*On this special Children's Sunday our choir and our Light Beamers present this joyful arrangement that celebrates the themes of hope, unity and shining our light in the world as we share God's love and hope with everyone.*

### Light Beamer Moment with the Minister

*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 Faye McKnight.*

### Prayer of Illumination

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

### Old Testament Reading: Micah 6: 6-8

*(Even timely food baskets and food banks do not satisfy the deeper hunger for justice and equality for our human family.)*

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 7: 9-11

*(In the context of child hunger, “bread not stones” symbolizes a commitment to provide nourishment to children and to meet their basic needs.)*

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

**All: And a light to our path. Amen.**

**The Minister’s Message: “Dare to dream”**

**Musical reflection:** *“What does the Lord require of You?”*

**Our Offering Invitation**

We are called to be Christ’s church.

We are called to love one another.

We are called to share our blessings with others.

Our morning tithes and offering 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**

**Generous God, you are the road we travel and the sign we follow. Guide us as we follow in the generous Spirit of Jesus reaching out to your beloved world in need. We come in frustration and shame that there are children who go to bed hungry every night ... yes, right here on our own doorstep. Bless these our gifts and may they help to answer the cry to end all hunger, so everybody may have life and have it abundantly. 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 from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Closing Hymn:** *“When I Needed a Neighbour” (VU 600)*

**Commissioning**

*“In the Spirit of love we have gathered, in the Spirit of love let us depart.”*

**The Benediction**

May the warm rays of God’s love touch your heart.  
May the gentleness of Spirit blow through your life,  
and may the softness of grace and peace  
soak deep into your soul, today and always. Amen.

**Sung Blessing:** *“My Song of Praise”*

I will walk with Jesus at my side,  
And the peace of God within my soul.  
I will trust my Savior as my guide,  
To keep me safe to make me whole.

I can find God’s love in all I see,  
It’s around me... everywhere I go.  
I rejoice in all God gives to me,  
To bring me joy, to help me grow.

My life’s a song I will sing for the Lord,  
A song of thanks, a song of praise,  
A gift of love that I will share with people everywhere.  
My grateful song I raise.

**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 Diane Schamehorn and Pat Crawford.*

We aspire to inspire!

Come in and grow your souls with us!

Come and be part of our growing spiritual community!

Trinity United Church - “The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville”



**Spiritual thought for your week ahead**

If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
He learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
He learns confidence.  
If a child lives with fairness,  
He learns justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
He learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
He learns to find love in the world.

- Dorothy L Nolte

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## 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.

➤ **November is PASTA SAUCE!**



**Outreach Team Meeting** – Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Salvation Army Church - Bazaar, Bake Sale and Luncheon**

Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am – 2:30 pm.

**Outreach Committee - needs your loving help!**

This November, we are collecting **hats, mitts and socks** to help those who are in need in our community. You can help by bringing these items to Trinity Hall before or after church service or dropping them off in the office. Donations are given to several organizations.



**White Gift Sunday is December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found that it is more helpful if gift certificates/cards were given by members of the congregation to be distributed as required. If gifts cards are used, these can be purchased through our FundScrip program. Orders must be placed with Gord Mitchell by Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. If ordering your White Gift cards through our FundScrip program, please let Suzy know as a tax receipt can be issued.

Regardless of the value of the gift card, all express the same love and compassion. The cards will be distributed to various organizations beginning the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!



**Is getting a ride to church on Sunday morning a problem for you?** Trinity is considering the possibility of implementing a transportation service for those who need a drive to church. We are trying to discern who, if anybody, will take advantage of this service for a minimum cost.

If you are interested in such a service, please let myself or Suzy know. If you have some ideas about how this could be best introduced to our faith community, we are open to your suggestions too. Blessings, Rev. D

**Trinity's Frosty Fair!** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 pm.  
**Lunch - "High Tea" - \$15**

The UCW are asking for the following donations:

### **Bake Room**

- Bake goods
- Jams
- Jellies
- Candy
- Preserves



### **"Art in the Pews"**

- Prints
- Paintings
- Craft wall hangings



All items can be dropped off on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 4 pm in Trinity Hall.



**The Souper Sandwich Team** is looking for donations of soups and desserts. If you are interested in helping out and providing these items, please contact Nancy Waxl on 705-789-5679 or see her after church. Thank you so much!

### **The Huntsville Community Choir Performances (HCC)**

HCC is performing a Christmas concert entitled: "A Winter's Night of Joy". The choir is singing some delightful renditions of classics and contemporary songs, as well as special songs from Louis Tusz, Kristine Knight and Jeannette McCullough. The performances will be held at Trinity on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 7:30pm. Tickets: \$25/adult, \$20/19-25 years, under 19 free and are available from any choir member as well as online a [huntsvillecommunitychoir.com](http://huntsvillecommunitychoir.com).

HCC in partnership with the Parry Sound Whispering Pine Chorus and Orchestra are performing the Messiah. There will be a 65-voice choir with professional soloists, guaranteed to create an incredible sound.



The Huntsville performance will be held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Parry Sound performance will be held on Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Stockey Centre.

Tickets are available only online through our website: [huntsvillecommunitychoir.com](http://huntsvillecommunitychoir.com) and are \$45.

Tickets are going quickly and will sell out.

