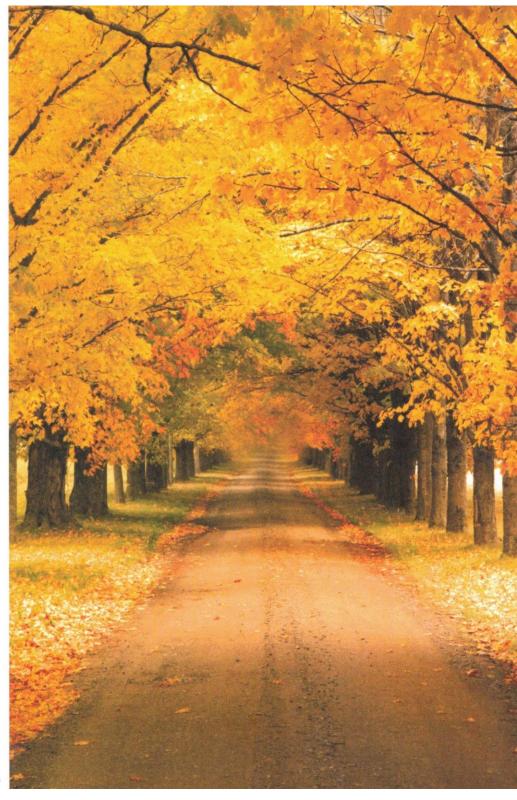


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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville Sunday October 26, 2025 – 10 am

"Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands"

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." Desmond Tutu

WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Introit

All: We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here. In the praise on our lips, there's a sense that God is near. We are one as we sing, as we seek we are found, and we come needful of God's grace, as we meet together in this place.

Greeting

One: Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly."

All: In our lives, may this be so.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith! Welcome in Spirit's all-inclusive and accepting love!

We gather in community once again to rekindle the bonds and the love of community, to nourish ourselves with music, song and story and to challenge ourselves to become more Christ-like in our attitudes and actions. Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey come on in, 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 Meditation

Call to Worship

One: We gather today from different places and spaces each with our own unique story bringing our joys and struggles, hopes and fears.

All: And Spirit gathers us into one community of faith.

One: In community, we find strength for the journey and companions on the road.

All: Here we learn to love, forgive and to grow spiritually together.

One: Come, all who seek connection, all who long to belong. We are one body, the body of Christ. Let us worship together in love.

Opening Hymn: "One Body in Christ"

All: One body in Christ,
called to share the Good News with the world,
each of us gifted, made in God's image,
we have a story to tell, a story of love.
We have been baptized in Christ,
the love of our God, poured into our hearts,

called to share the mission of Christ,
the Spirit of God alive in our hearts.
To be a light of welcome in the darkness of exclusion,
an outstretched hand of love to everyone.
We are one Body in Christ,
called to share the Good News with the world,
each of us gifted, made in God's image,
we have a story to tell, a story of love.

Opening Prayer

All: Divine Light, you have called us not to live in isolation but in community. Thank you for the people who walk beside us in faith, for their laughter, their support and their care. Help us to be builders of your beloved community, patient when it's hard, generous when it's needed and joyful in all things. May our life together reflect the love and life of our spiritual mentor Jesus. Amen.

Our Light Beamers Song: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" (VU 585) Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle, as a sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.

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, 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

Choir Anthem: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Tom Fettke)

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD'S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Shirley Boon.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Divine One, as we open the pages of Scripture, breathe your Spirit into our hearts and minds. Teach us not to only understand your Word but to live it. In the name of the One who is love incarnate. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

In this Scripture, we hear how followers of Jesus didn't just worship together, they lived together. They looked after each other. They built what we might call "the beloved community."

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

All: Amen.

One: Today we are continuing our Message Series called, "The ABC'S of Faith."

Last week we took a deep dive into the meaning of belief and believing and how faith is more about living in the way of Jesus than it is about believing a strict list of statements or doctrines to be true. Our first week we heard how G for Gratitude is an act of holy defiance, refusing to allow the darkness to have the final say. Gratitude allows us to push back against the struggles in our world. Today, we are landing on the letter C for Community, a place where our faith can take root.

Morning Message: "C is for Community- Where Love Lives"

Brief Musical Reflection

Hymn: "The Church Is Wherever God's People" (VU 579)

Invitation for Offering

One: Community is one of the greatest gifts we can enjoy! It's here in community that we find encouragement when we are weary, compassion when we are hurting and joy when we celebrate together. As we bring our offering today, we are not just giving to keep the lights on or programs running, we are giving to help build a place where everyone can belong, be known and be loved.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn: "What Can I Do?" (MV 191)

All: What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy (I'll sing with joy). I'll say a prayer, I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offering Prayer

All: Companion God, you call us to be one body, joined together in love and purpose. We offer these gifts as signs of our shared commitment to your work among us. Use them and use us to build up this community of faith, to welcome the stranger, to care for the hurting and to be a light of hope in our neighbourhood. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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

All: 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 in Two Voices by Joy Cowan, Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, Ontario

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

One: Our God of many names: Creator, Allah, and Mother.

All: Hallowed be thy name.

One: You are sacred, divine, holy.

All: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

One: May your vision for a healed and vibrant world be made manifest.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: You know our needs before we name them.

All: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

One: May we act with humility and forgive generously.

All: And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

One: Help us to journey along a good path and follow in your way.

All: For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

One: You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Source of all that is.

All: Forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "We Are One"

(VU 402 - verses 2 and 4 only)

Commissioning

One: Go now as God's Beloved community, people called to live with compassion and sent to bring hope wherever we go.

Benediction

One: May the love of Christ hold us together.

The Spirit of God work through us.

And the light of God shine from us,

so that all who meet us will know they are never alone.

Sung Blessing: "Olde Irish Blessing" (Choir)

Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

Let us take three minutes to turn and greet one another with signs of Christ's love and blessing as we move into a brand-new week.







Please join us in Trinity Hall following today's service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

Your hosts today are Marjorie Adam and Dorothy Russell.



Spiritual thought for your week!

"May the God who calls us into community bind our hearts together in love and with a desire to look out for one another."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

A great big "Thank You" to everyone who donated towards the Mission and Service Fund last Sunday.

We raised \$532!!

The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse food bank.

October is... Toiletries/Personal Hygiene Products!

Therapeutic Touch – Monday October 27 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.

FundScrip orders are due next week!!



Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits!

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!

White Gift Sunday is December 7, 2025! Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found it is more helpful if gift certificates/cards were given by members of the congregation to be distributed as required.

If gift cards are used, these can be purchased through our Fundscrip program. Orders must be placed with Gord Mitchell by Sunday November 2. This will give Gord time to receive the cards and the Outreach Team time to distribute them early in December. If ordering your White Gift cards through our Fundscrip program, please let Gord 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 15. Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!

"Chuck's Coffee House" is back in Trinity Hall on Saturday November 8 at 7:00 pm.

\$10.00 at the door, no tickets required!

(In spite of the rumoured progress adapting the church Sanctuary to more of a concert venue, we will still be in Trinity Hall. But, net proceeds will go to the Sanctuary renovations, where we are making it a more useful, affordable venue for local amateur groups. Guided tours will be held on request [!!!])

For more information call Chuck at 705-571-1229.

Trinity's Frosty Fair will be held on Saturday November 22!

A chicken pot pie lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm and there will be our annual Bake Sale!
The UCW would greatly appreciate donations of Christmas baking for our Bake Sale.

If you have any questions, please contact a UCW member. Thank you.

