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WELCOME

Loving hearts
Open minds
Serving hands

Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Reign of Christ Sunday - Together with Jesus Sunday
Sunday November 23, 2025 – 10 am

“Loving Hearts … Open Minds … Serving Hands”

“May you see the face of Christ in all you meet and may all you meet see the face of Christ in you.”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Introit: “Shine, Jesus Shine”

All: Shine, Jesus shine!
Fill this moment with Spirit’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze, light our hearts on fire!
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with
grace and mercy.
Send forth your word Spirit, let there be light.

Greeting

One: Jesus calls us to follow him and to light our hearts on fire!

All: He leads us on a spiritual journey of becoming the people of light we long to become.

Good morning and welcome to Trinity United Church – the heart in the heart of Huntsville!

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in Christ’s all-inclusive love!

This last Sunday before our new church season of Advent and Christmas is called The Reign of Christ Sunday or

Together with Jesus Sunday. We gather here to proclaim Jesus’ Way and his spiritual teachings that light our path.

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey - YOU are welcome here as we celebrate God’s presence together.

Announcements

In Our Joys And Concerns

A Moment of Meditation

One: Gather us into your presence today. Still our restless minds, calm our anxious hearts, and awaken in us a deeper trust in your way.

Call to Worship

One: This Reign of Christ Sunday is a day to remember who we belong to and whose love shapes our lives.

All: We come to worship Jesus, our centre, our compass, our peace.

One: In a world of shifting powers and fragile promises, Christ’s love remains steady.

All: His grace reigns over fear, division and despair.

One: Jesus is our hope, our unity and our joy. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: “God of the Bible” (MV 28)

Opening Prayer

All: Spirit of Life, gather us into the warmth of Your Spirit. You are the One who reigns in love and the One who holds all things together. We lift up places in our world where leadership has failed, where people feel

forgotten, where fear and injustice seem to reign.
Reign in us and through us so that our lives may point to your love. Remind us that we belong to you and hold us together in your compassion. Amen.

Light Beamer Song: “Sing a Happy Hallelujah”
(VU 224 - first two verses only)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light the Christ candle this morning, may we truly feel the presence of Christ in our lives. May we learn to be people of Christ's Way allowing only peace, justice and love to rule our hearts and rule our worlds.

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: “May The Peace of Christ Reign” (Fettke)

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD’S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Janice Elliott.

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.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

(The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a coming ruler, a good shepherd who will lead with justice and not with exploitation.)

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1: 15-19

(Christ is the visible image of our invisible God. In Christ we have been transferred from the realm of darkness into the light of God’s reign.)

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.**

So far, we have explored 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. Then the next Sunday we highlighted **“C” for Community, Christ, and Connection.** We heard that community is not something we attend but something we build. Then we delved into the letter **“D” for Discipleship** and how today’s disciples become tomorrow’s saints. Our next letter was **“R” for Remembrance, Renewal and Resilience.** Last week, we dove into the letter **“F” for Forgiveness.** Today, we are wrapping up our ABCs of Faith series with the letter **“J” for Jesus on this Reign of Christ Sunday.**

Minister’s Message: “Jesus at the Centre – Our Spiritual GPS”

Invitation for Offering

One: Friends, when we give, we participate in the Reign of Jesus' love and compassion. We help shape a world where hope is nurtured, where people are cared for and where justice grows like a seed into something strong and life-giving.

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: **Generous God, receive these our gifts, our money, our time, and our intentions. Bless them and use them to gather those who feel lost, to lift up those who feel weary, and to shine your light in places of need. May our giving reflect the heart of Jesus.**

Amen.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Communion Hymn: "We Gather Here" (VU 469 -first verse only)

The Invitation

One: Today, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we come to this table remembering that Jesus reigns with love, mercy, and care.

The Greeting

One: May God be with us.

All: **God is here among us.**

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: **We open them to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks to God as we stand on the edge of Advent and Christmas and enjoy the special blessings we enjoy this time of year.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

Holy Communion is served

One: Will the servers please come forward.

We would like to thank Doug Hicks, Julie Brushey, Shirley Boon, and Rob and Barb Dalziel for being our Communion servers today.

Prayer after Communion

All: **God of Mercy, thank you for feeding us at this table with the love of Christ, our spiritual centre and our peace. Thank you for gathering us together now and sending us out to live as people of Jesus' Way. Living with open hearts, open minds and loving and serving hands. Amen.**

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.

Closing Hymn: “Christ Has No Body Now But Yours”
(MV 171)

Benediction

One: Holy Christ,
reign in us and through us
so that our lives may point to your love,
a love that ever ends
and a peace that this world cannot give.

A Choral Blessing: “An Irish Blessing”

Let us take 3 minutes to turn and greet one another with signs of Christ's peace 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 Diane Schamehorn and Cherryll Demaine.



Spiritual thought for your week!

On this Reign of Christ Sunday, you might say,
“*Christ reigns over our fears, our loneliness, our anxiety and he invites us into a community where we can bring those burdens, not hide them.*”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Happy Birthday to Trinity's own,
Rev. Diane and Nancy Waxl
who both celebrate another trip around
the sun on
Wednesday November 27th!!



The Outreach Team thanks you for helping to collect Food for the Corner Lighthouse food bank. **November is Canned Soup.**

Fundraiser for the Corner Lighthouse - Homemade Unbaked Tourtieres (French meat pie). Sizes: 8" - \$25 and 9" - \$30.



Available while supplies last. Call Lynne Doyle at 705-380-1800 to place your order!

Therapeutic Touch – Monday November 24 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.



Introducing **Corner Lighthouse Free Community Lunch.**

Everyone is welcome to join us every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in Trinity Hall to enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a delicious sandwich! *Bring a friend!*



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.

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!



Tea Talk! When: **Wednesday, November 26th.**

Where: **Mitchell Funeral Home Reception Room, 15 High Street.**

Time: **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.**

Come join with other members of our Trinity family for an afternoon of Fellowship and "Community" building. We'll have some fun and conversation over a cup of tea, cookies too of course! If you are interested in attending or have questions please contact: Colleen Mitchell at 705-789-5020 or email tweenmitchell@gmail.com.



The Muskoka Music Mix chorus and quartets will be presenting their traditional family-oriented "Christmas in Muskoka" concert in the Sanctuary on **Sunday December 7 at 3:00 pm.** Admission will be by donation in support of MMM's community initiatives, including the Barbershop Harmony Society's "Harmonize for Speech" fund. *Hope to see you there!*



"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful And Ye Not So Faithful Too!"

Special Advent and Christmas Services 2025

The First Sunday in Advent – November 30, 2025

This is our Sunday of "Hope". Today we are lighting the candle of Hope in our Advent wreath.

The Second Sunday in Advent- December 7, 2025

Today we are lighting our candle of Peace in our Advent wreath. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with peace in our hearts. It is also **White Gift Sunday** - warm articles of clothing for our harsh winter weather and gift cards are all graciously and gratefully received.

Our Service of Comfort and Hope-

Thursday December 18 at 7 pm



Christmas is often a season of sadness and loneliness for many people. Come and join us for this service of quiet reflection and memories.

The Third Sunday in Advent- December 14, 2025

Time to break out your annual Christmas sweaters and attire!

As we continue to make our way to Bethlehem, we will light our candle of joy. The closer we get to Christmas the brighter the light on our Advent wreath becomes.

We will also be remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us this Christmas as we place our special ornaments on our **"Think of Me"** Tree. May our good memories encourage us and fill us with hope and healing.

The Fourth Sunday in Advent or Christmas Sunday -

December 21, 2025

This is a wonderful Sunday of celebration. Often, this is THE Christmas celebration for many people who will not be around for Christmas Eve services. Holy Communion will be served this morning.

Christmas Eve Services- December 24, 2025

Family Service - 5 pm

Children get home in plenty of time to hang up their stockings and read The Night Before Christmas.

Carol Sing - 6: 30 pm

Carols and Candlelight Service - 7 pm

This is a quieter, more reflective service with readings and songs as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child in our hearts. Have a Joyous and Blessed Christmas season!

Last Sunday in the year- December 28, 2025

Hymns, Taizé, and Prayer Service led by Kyung-A Lee.
A Taizé Prayer Service is a simple, meditative form of worship that consists of generous silence and repetitive sung prayers. Taizé prayer is named for the ecumenical Christian community that formed in Taizé, France during World War II.



Christmas Blessings from our house to yours!

May the love that made the stars be your guiding light.

May the love revealed in Jesus
be your hope and inspiration.

And may the love of the ever-present Spirit
give you courage, joy and hope
now and forever more. Amen. ###

