

Today's bulletin is kindly sponsored by
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The heart in the heart of Huntsville

We're glad you're here!



**Loving hearts
Open minds
Serving hands**

Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Sunday November 30, 2025 – 10 am

“Loving Hearts … Open Minds … Serving Hands”

“Place-names are the mark of realism, and those in the Bible bear witness to the concrete nature of the life of faith. God is everywhere, it is true, but he reveals himself in particular places. The history of our faith is necessarily tied to places.”
- Paul Tournier, *A place for you*. P 51.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude: Kyung-A Lee

Introit

All: Light a candle, a symbol of Hope.
Light a candle, and warm in its glow.
Light a candle to shine in the dark.
Light a candle, open your heart.
Light a candle and open your heart.

Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Joys and Concerns

A Quiet Moment

Introduction (Reverent Jane Haapiseva)

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope by our Light Beamers

One: Our Advent wreath shows the circle of God’s unending love for us. There are four candles. And each Sunday leading up to Christmas we light a new candle. Today, we light the Candle of Hope.

All: **Hope that is with us even in the waiting and the worry.**

One: This candle reminds us that the smallest light can still pierce the deepest darkness.

All: **Come, Emmanuel. Kindle hope in our hearts and light our way with your love.**

Hymn: “Candles of Advent”

All: **Light one candle warm and bright.
Light one candle of Hope;
Hope for the world to calm its fear,
Hope for the news we long to hear,
Hope in a child who will soon appear.
Light one candle of Hope.**

Light Beamers’ Benediction

Light Beamers: May the Peace of Christ be with You.

All: **And also with You.**

Opening Prayer

One: Almighty God, creator of stars and solar systems, of universes known or unknown to us your creatures here on Earth, we stand before you with open hearts. In December’s dark nights, we witness the glory of the skies and we can believe that angels are singing blessings down upon us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the hope that inspires us at Christmas.

“An Advent Prayer” (VU 26)

All: **Who are we, Oh God, that you should come to us?
Yet you have visited your people and redeem
us with your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth,**

make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near, even your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Hope Is a Star” (VU 7)

Confession of Sin

One: Most merciful Father, we acknowledge that often we forget about preparing our hearts that the Christ child can enter in; instead, we get busy and anxious about plans for holidays and for meals and for meeting with relatives. Forgive us, for we wish to be released from stress and worry. Forgive us for trying to manage things on our own, without prayer. We need to place our time and our activities in your hands. Forgive us when we forget that if the world needs to come to the stable where salvation is born, we must be God’s elves, truly sharing with the needy, witnessing hope to the hopeless, forgiving one another as we are forgiven.

“A Christmas of Confession” (VU 63)

All: **God of stable, stars, and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:
open our eyes and hearts to your presence
in our world, forgive our obsession with property
and possessions,
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.
Open us to your grace,
that we might hear again the song of the angels,
and respond with a song in our hearts,
and in our lives. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Choir Anthem: “A Little Child Will Come To Lead Us”

WE LISTEN FOR OUR GOD’S WORD

Our Scripture reader today is Sue Hicks.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122 (VU page 845)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is built
as a city that is compact together,
where the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For thrones are set there for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
Prosperity within your palaces.”
For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, “Peace be within you.”
Because of the house of the Lord our God
I will seek your good.

Gospel Reading: John 4:46-54

Sermon: “From hope to trust to faithfulness”

Offerings

Hymn: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (VU 31)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

One: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Hymn: "An Affirmation of Hope" (VU 656)

Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (VU 1)

Benediction

Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

Following the Postlude, let us take three 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, Trinity's Knitting Group.



Spiritual thought for your week!

"Christ's incarnation means that God broke into human history, but also into our geography! Bethlehem of Judea, in the Middle East. We have an "in situ" faith; it happened then and there. How wonderfully important are places!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

A BIG THANK YOU to Trinity's decorating elves - the inside and the outside ones!! Trinity is looking festive: merry and bright!!



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

The Men of Trinity – Wednesday December 3 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room. Call Len Ross (705-349-2553) for details.

The Knitting Group will meet on Wednesday December 3 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room.



Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.

Mug Up with the Minister! – Bring your mugs on Thursday December 4 at 10 am for our "Christmas Mug Up with the Minister!" We will have festive fun, games and prizes to launch us into our Christmas season. See you there! Ho! Ho! Ho! Mrs. Claus



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!

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!



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!



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!*

Christmas Readers and Candle Lighters needed for our Comfort and Hope Service! Can you help? Please let Diane or Suzy know if you are willing to read and/or light candles at our 7:00 pm Comfort and Hope Service on Thursday December 18. Thank you.



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

Special Advent and Christmas Services 2025

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. ###

