



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

**Remembering Murray on this day -
Husband, Dad, Papa, Great Grandpa.**

With much love
Lynda and family



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Welcome to Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Sunday December 28, 2025 – 10 am

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

THE LIGHT THAT STAYS: A PROMISE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Music Director: Kyung-A Lee

Reader: Lynda Baker

GATHERING IN GOD’S WARMTH

Prelude

Welcome and Greetings

Call to Worship

One: Come in out of the cold! Leave the rush of the year behind you.

All: **We come to this quiet place to catch our breath.**

One: Look back at the year that is passing; recount the moments of light.

All: **We remember the laughter, the lessons, and the times we were carried.**

One: Look forward to the year that is coming; see the portal opening wide.

All: **We bring our hopes and our worries to the One who makes all things new.**

One: Let us sing, let us pray, and let us be together in the warmth of God’s love.

Opening Hymn: "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" (VU 71)

The Lighting of our Christ Candle

One: As we light this candle on our very last Sunday of 2025, we remember that Christ’s light isn’t just for Christmas Day. This flame has been with us through every high and every low of this past year. Even in our coldest moments, this light stayed lit.

All: **We light this candle today as a promise: that as we move into 2026, God’s warmth goes before us. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.**

Opening Prayer

All: **God of the seasons, we thank you for the walls of Trinity United that hold us today. As we stand at the edge of this new year, we take off our heavy coats and set down our burdens. Forgive us for the times we felt frozen by fear and help us remember the times your grace warmed our hearts. Be in our singing, our silence, and our friendship. Carry us into 2026 with a song. Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7–9

(God’s presence in our distress and the recounting of grace)

Reflection One: "The Light That Stays: A Promise for the New Year" by Kyung-A Lee

A Service of Taizé Prayer

- **Sung:** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" (MV 113) — *Sung 5 times*
- **The Silence:** *Three minutes of absolute stillness*
- **Sung:** "Jesus, Remember Me" — *Sung 3-5 times*

Reflection Two: Lynda Baker

Hymn: "Deep in Our Hearts" (MV 154)

Our Offering Invitation

Offertory Prayer

One: Generous God, we bring our money, our time, and the music of our hearts.

All: **Use these gifts to keep the warmth going here at Trinity.**

One: So that no one in our community has to face the "cold" alone.

All: **We release the old year and plant these seeds of hope for 2026. Amen.**

The Peace and Intercessions

For the Global Family

Lynda: We pray for all places where the "winter" of war and conflict feels like it will never end. May your peace move like a warm wind, softening cold hearts and bringing hope to frozen places.

All (sung): **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

For Our Community and The Corner Light House

Lynda: We pray for our neighbors here in town and for the Corner Light House. Thank you for the volunteers who provide food and a warm smile. Help us to keep that light burning bright, ensuring no one feels forgotten.

All (sung): **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

For the Earth and the Season

Lynda: We pray for the land we walk on—the beauty of the snow and the quiet of the ice. Protect those who work in the cold and help us to be good stewards of this corner of creation.

All (sung): **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

For Our Own Hearts

Lynda: Pray for ourselves, and for the grief or worries we might be carrying. Be the quiet warmth in our hearts, reminding us that even when we feel stuck in the cold, you are right there with us.

All (sung): **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

For Trinity United in 2026

Lynda: We pray for our church family. As we move into the new year, help us not to worry about being perfect, but to focus on being kind. May Trinity always be a place where the light is on and the welcome is warm.

All (sung): **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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)

Commissioning and Benediction

One: May God keep a song in your heart all through the week. May you find little pockets of light in the coldest moments. And may you feel Christ walking right beside you, lifting you up and carrying you into a brand-new year. Go in peace, take care of each other, and we'll see you in 2026!

Postlude

Following the end of the Service, 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 are Trinity's Choir.

