



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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# **Welcome to Trinity**

## **The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville**

### **Sunday January 18, 2026 - 10 am**

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

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*“Good Discipleship calls people back to their centre of faith.”*

## **WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD**

### **Greeting**

One: Jesus calls us to follow him!

All: **We are here to learn about his ways and to become more of who we are.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in Spirit's all-inclusive love!

*We are a lively Spirit-filled community with arms open wide to welcome you too! If you're visiting or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you're here with us. We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better human beings in order to build a better world for all God's people.*

### **Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns / God Moments?**

**Moment of Meditation**

### **Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach**

One: Come, all who seek life and truth. Come, all who long for direction and purpose.

All: **God calls us in unexpected ways, through friends, through quiet moments, through the words of others.**

One: Like Andrew and Simon Peter, we are invited to “come and see.”

All: **Let us hear the voice that invites us into a life of aliveness and compassion.**

One: Here in this place and in our sacred spaces at home, let us open our hearts to hear again God's call.

All: **We come ready to follow, to learn and to walk in God's presence every day.**

**Opening Hymn:** “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
(VU 567 - verses 1,3 and 5)

### **Opening Prayer**

All: **Holy One, you call us in ways we don't always expect. Open our hearts to recognize your presence among us, in ordinary moments and familiar faces. Empower us to listen for your voice and to follow faithfully as did Andrew and Simon Peter. We trust that your path leads to life, love and hope. Come near to us now and dwell among us in word, song and prayer. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “This is Where I Go to Church”  
(tune of Old McDonald”)

All: **This is where I go to church  
and I am part of it.  
And in our church, there's lots of love  
and I am part of it.  
God's love is here. God's love is there.  
Here's love, there's love,  
everywhere there's God's love.  
This is where I go to church  
and I am part of it.**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Light Beamers**

### **Light Beamer Moment**

*It's time to hear the stories of Jesus and how his stories teach us a better, more loving 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 too can go into the world and shine their light, the light of Christ, of love for others.*

### **Congregational Blessing**

Light Beamers: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

All: **And also with you.**

**Anthem:** "I Will Sing With The Spirit" (John Rutter)

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

One: Creator God, we have gathered today wanting to experience something greater than ourselves. May we be granted the wisdom you offer as we receive the words of Scripture today. Amen.

Our Scripture Reader today is Lynda Baker.

**New Testament Reading:** John 1: 35-42

*(John the Baptist's followers leave him to follow somebody else. Guess who? Yes, Andrew and Simon Peter begin their uncertain journey with their teacher Jesus.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

**Minister's Message:** "Reclaiming the Way"

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

## **Offering Invitation**

One: We are called to live faithfully each and every day. Our offering is one way we respond to that call, sharing our gifts and our lives to help bring heaven here on earth.

Your morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

### **Offertory Hymn: "To Love More Truly"**

All: **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.**

### **Offering Prayer**

All: **Divine One, we offer these gifts as a sign of our willingness to step on the path with you. Bless our gifts and bless who we are, our hands, our hearts, and our lives so they may be used for your purposes bringing hope, healing and light to all who need it.**

**In your holy 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

*(An alternate version of the Prayer of Jesus)*

**All: Eternal Spirit,  
Pain-Bearer and Life- giver,  
source of all that is and all that shall be.**

**The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe.**

**Your will be done by all people.**

**Your peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trails too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the POWER THAT IS LOVE,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** "When I Needed a Neighbour" (VU 600)

### Benediction

One: May the vision of God's all-inclusive love  
encourage us.

May the life and Way of Jesus show us how to live.  
And may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and peace-  
this day and forever more. Amen.

### Musical Postlude: Kyung-A Lee

*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 Marjorie Adam, Lynn McGregor and  
Dorothy Russell.*



### Thought for your week ahead!

*"To follow Jesus is to walk with him everyday allowing our  
small faithful steps to become part of God's transforming  
work in the world."*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

### **Mission & Service (M&S) 2025 Financial Report for Trinity**

by Shirley Boon, M&S Treasurer

*WE DID IT!* Our Trinity Family donated just over \$20,000 to Mission and Service in 2025! We met our budget commitment and added to it by individual donations through the church office and those sent directly to the National M&S office. Also included in this amount is the \$2,000 contribution by the United Church Women (UCW).

The 2025 receipt to Trinity states:

**"Your gifts for Mission and Service help transform and save lives, in Canada and around the world.**

Locally, we help people by supporting homeless shelters, food banks, community kitchens, and refugee programs. We help young people on campuses and through camping outreach. We help people who are sick or at the end of life by supporting addiction, mental health, and counselling services and hospice care. Globally, we support people to access clean water, food, and medical care. We support skills training and economic development. We help with peace-making and sustainable agriculture efforts. We provide disaster relief and advocate for the rights of those who all too often don't get a say, like children and migrant workers.

**Thank you for your generous gifts to Mission and Service"**

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank.

**January is canned diced/crushed tomatoes or pasta sauce.**

### **A Message from our Director of Music - "To sing is to pray twice."**

As we begin a new year, I am inviting you to find your place in our choir family. As a professional musician, my passion is helping us offer our very best to God through the joy of high-quality music and shared community.

Whether you are an experienced singer or simply love the hymns of our faith, there is a seat (and a scarf!) waiting for you.

**Come "try us out" this Thursday at 4:00 pm.** No formal audition is required, just a heart for song and a desire to be part of something beautiful!

I look forward to singing with you!

Kyung-A Lee-Allen

Director of Music



**The Men of Trinity** – Wednesday January 21 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room. Call Len Ross (705-349-2553) for details.

### **Community Italian Dinner Fundraiser!**

Trinity United Church is hosting a special Italian Dinner Fundraiser to support an individual in our community. Volunteers from Corner Lighthouse are supporting this one-time event by preparing a delicious Italian dinner and helping behind the scenes to make the evening possible.

We are grateful to anyone who can come together to offer their time, care, and generosity. Events like this reflect the strength of our community when we show up for one another.

**When: Saturday January 24, 2026**

**Where: Trinity Hall**

**Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Cost: By donation**

Come enjoy a delicious meal, connect with neighbours, and make a real difference. All are welcome!

