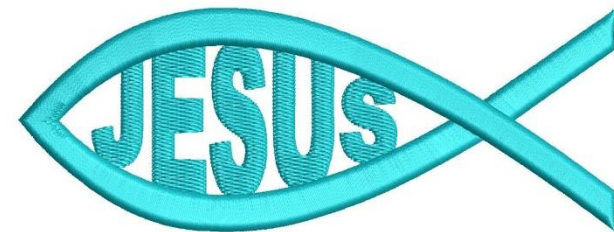




*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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# Welcome to Trinity

## The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

### Sunday January 25, 2026 - 10 am

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

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*"The work of love requires formed hearts and willing hands."*

## WE GATHER AS THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

**Introit:** "I have Called You by Your name"

(MV 161 - verse 1)

**All: I have called you by your name, you are mine.**

**I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.**

**I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.**

**You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.**

## 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 and God Moments

## Moment of Meditation

## Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: Today, Jesus calls us again. Not in some distant story, but here, now in the midst of our ordinary lives.

**All: He calls us to leave behind what holds us back and to follow him into the life he offers.**

One: So, come with your doubts, your questions, your hopes and your fears.

**All: We come seeking the One who leads us to life abundant. We come to follow Jesus.**

One: And in following, we will find our true life, our true home and our true inner peace.

**Opening Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" (VU 661)

## Opening Prayer

**All: Source of all life, open our hearts to hear your voice above the clang and noise of our daily lives. Give us courage to leave behind the nets that hold us back, our fears, our comforts, our doubts and to step forward in our faith. May our service today renew our trust in you and inspire us to follow Jesus on a path to life, hope and love. Come, holy One and guide us gently forward. 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 Bearers**

#### **Light Bearer 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 Bearers 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 Bearers: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

All: **And also with you.**

#### **Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (VU 670)**

### **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 Julie Brushey.

#### **New Testament Reading: Matthew 4: 18-22**

*(Jesus calls his disciples. And he calls us to follow him and to introduce others to his path of wisdom and love.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

#### **Minister's Message: "Help Wanted"**

**Anthem:** "Go Ye Therefore" (Mary McDonald)

#### **Offering Invitation**

One: Jesus calls us to follow him with our lives and that includes our gifts. Today, we offer not just money, but our willingness to join God's work in our world. Let us give with open hearts.

Our 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: **God of abundance, we offer these gifts as a sign of our desire to follow Jesus. Bless what we give and use it to bring hope, healing and justice to our world. May these offerings, like our lives, point others to your love. 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:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"  
(VU 563)

### 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.

**Sung Blessing:** "Go, Make A Difference" (MV 209)

## 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 Trinity's Directors: Lynda Arnold, Shane Baker,  
Will Gibson, Diane Knowles and Jim Schiedel. Sandra Parrott and  
Karen Schamehorn are also Directors but unable to be part of this  
week's hosting.*

**If you would like to host a Coffee Hour after worship  
on a Sunday in April, May or June,  
please let Lynda Arnold know! Thanks!**



**Thought for your week ahead!**

*If Jesus were to put up a "Help Wanted" sign today  
this is what answering it might look like:  
Start with prayer, pay attention to where love is needed  
and take one small action step. That's how disciples are formed  
and how the world is changed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**The funeral for Lloyd Henry will be held on  
Tuesday March 17, 2026, at 10 am in Trinity's Sanctuary.  
All are welcome to attend to say farewell to a Huntsville icon.**

**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.**

**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday January 26 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.



**The Outreach Team** will be meeting on Wednesday January 28 at 11:00 am in the Arnold Room.

**The Communications and Technology Team** will be meeting on Thursday January 29 at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

**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!



HAVE *faith*

**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



**Something new!** Trinity is expanding its online ministry to include small groups.

**Online Coffee Time** starts **Thursday February 5 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.**

This online gathering is especially for people who come to church online with us every week but is also open to people who are looking for a place to connect and make new friends. This is a space where we can meet one another, share our stories and connect our faith with ordinary everyday happenings in our world. And you get to do it without leaving the comfort of your home!

If you're interested, please contact Suzy at the church office and we will send you a Zoom link as we get closer to the day.

Hope you can join us! I look forward to meeting you!  
Blessings, Rev. Diane

