



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*



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# Welcome to Trinity

## The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

### Sunday February 8, 2026 - 10 am

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

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*“Following Jesus, we bring flavour and light to the world.”*

## **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 said: “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly!”

**All: In our lives may this be so.**

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in Spirit’s amazing light!

*We come to sing, to pray, to share, to tell our stories and to be inspired by God’s word.*

*We come to learn how to become all the person we were created to become, our best selves, a follower of Jesus thriving and making a difference in the world around us.*

## **Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns/Sads and Glads**

**Moment of Meditation**

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

One: Holy One, we come from our warm cozy beds to be here and to be part of this Spirit-filled faith community.

**All: We gather to be inspired by God’s light and wisdom.  
We hear Jesus’ call to bring flavour, healing and hope to the world.**

One: Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”

**All: We come not because we have it all together but because we ask Spirit to season us with love and to make us beacons of light and hope in our world.**

**Opening Hymn:** “Jesus Bids Us Shine” (VU 585)

## **Opening Prayer**

**All: Spirit of light, you place in us a divine spark of your glory. Season our hearts with your grace. Light our way with your truth. You have called us to be salt and light in a world that is often weary, divided and searching. May our faith have renewed flavour and may our lives continue to shine brightly with your love. We pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “This Little Light of Mine”

**All: This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine.  
I’m going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna to let it shine.  
Everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine all over Muskoka,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine all over Muskoka,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine all over Muskoka,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let is shine, let it shine, let it shine!

**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:** "Father of Light" by Craig Courtney

### 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 Sheila Petch.

### New Testament Reading: Matthew 5: 13:20

*(Jesus calls us to aim our lives at him so that our world is a more flavourful and illuminated place for everyone we meet.)*

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

One: Last week we started a new sermon/message series called **Travelling the Way- Aiming to Follow Jesus**. Since the new year began, we have shown up at the Jordan River and heard again the words that we are God's beloved sons and daughters and we are cherished greatly. We remembered and renewed our baptism. Then, we were invited to "come and see" and "to follow" Jesus when he was standing on the lakeshore calling his first disciples to be part of his mission and ministry of love. We were called to be fishers of people casting our nets of love far and wide. This month I am going to unpack what following Jesus and becoming a Christ follower looks like. As I said one Sunday, it's time to move out of our spiritual wading pools and dive deeper into the waters of our faith. This will be the focus of this series. In this series we will be exploring the six markers that are central to living life as a follower of Jesus. The book written by Jamie Holtom and Debbie Johnson called "Bullseye - Aiming to

Follow Jesus” will provide materials and direction for our journey together. Remember, as the hymn reminds us, *we are pilgrims on a journey... fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.* Let’s continue our journey of discipleship step by step, together.

**Minister’s Message:** “Showing up - not standing out”

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

**Hymn:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (VU 684)

### **Offering Invitation**

One: Jesus calls us to be salt and light, not just with our words but with our lives. Our generosity matters. Our gifts today help our church bring hope and care into our community and beyond.

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: **Generous God, you have given us so much, life, love and purpose. Receive these gifts and use them to season the world with grace and to shine your light where it is needed most. May what we give today help us to live out our faith as we aim to follow Jesus. 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.**

**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 trials 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:** “We Are Marching” (VU 646)

### **Commissioning**

One: Go forth and shine your light of hope and bedazzle the world!

### **Benediction**

One: May you be a window through which Christ’s light shines.  
May you be a voice through which Christ’s message is heard.

May you be a heart  
through which Christ's love is shared.  
And may you see the face of Christ in all you meet.  
And may all you meet, see the face of Christ in you.  
Amen.

*(Written by Rev. Dennis Posno 2002 but adapted 2026)*

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

All: **Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.** (repeat)

**Musical 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.*

*With thanks to Trinity's Knitting Group for hosting Coffee Hour today.*



**Thought for your week ahead!**

*"You season the world with love and shine your light with hope."*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!**

***Come and say hello to Fran Mitchell on her 82nd Birthday!***

It is a drop-in event from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm on Saturday February 7 in Trinity Hall. Please RSVP to Gord at 705-571-4096 or [gordmitchell46@gmail.com](mailto:gordmitchell46@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.

The cake will be cut at 3:00 pm.

If you wish, please bring Fran a birthday card as she loves opening them! If you would like to share a memory of Fran, we would love for you to share!



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

**February is granola bars (no nuts), fruit cups and pudding cups.**

**Directors meeting** – Tuesday February 10 at 10:00 am in the Arnold Room.

**UCW meeting** – Tuesday February 10 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Worship Team meeting** – Thursday February 12 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Souper Sandwich Lunch and Takeout** - Friday February 13 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in Trinity Hall. **Takeout order deadline is Tuesday February 10.** Call: 705-789-5679. We welcome Trinity members as well as the public, so come on out and bring your friends for a bowl of homemade soup, sandwich and dessert.

Hope to see you there!



**Christian Meditation Course** - Spiritual Director and long-time meditation guide **Alexander Jones** will lead a five-week introduction to **Christian Meditation** — a simple, grounding practice that helps us reconnect with God, nurture inner stillness, and awaken the "Divine Spark" within.

**When:** Friday February 13 to Friday March 20, 2026.  
(Not February 27)

**Cost:** \$150      **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Arnold Room



Whether you're brand-new to meditation or simply longing for a more intentional, spacious relationship with God, this course is a wonderful way to begin the new year.

If you'd like to join, please contact **Suzy** in the office.

The **"Blood Donor Clinic"** is starting up again and reaches out to the public for donations of cookies for their "refreshments" after donating blood. Trinity has been approached with a request for 24 dozen homemade cookies for February 16. These can be brought to the church on February 15 if you wish to donate. Request for "no nuts" in the cookies! Please contact Nancy Waxl 705-789-5679 or email: [nancywaxl2@gmail.com](mailto:nancywaxl2@gmail.com) if you can bake for this request of 2-3-dozen per donor.

**Feed Your Soul This Lent** - As we journey toward Lent, the new devotional "Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living" invites us to reflect prayerfully on food, hunger, and Christ's call to abundant life for all.

Rooted in the image of Christ as the bread of life and the table as a place of gathering, this resource holds together spiritual longing with our shared responsibility to one another. It asks gentle but meaningful questions: What do we hunger for? What feeds our soul? How are we called to feed others?

Designed for individual group use, the devotional reminds us that every meal and every table can be an opportunity for faith, compassion, and justice. To deepen this reflection, join Rev. Dr. Christine Jerrett for a six-week online Lenten study on CHURCHx,

Tuesdays from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm beginning February 24. The series explores themes of invitation, longing, blessing, brokenness, justice, and solidarity, and includes downloadable readings and a 15% discount on the book for registrants.

**Join us**

If anybody is interested, please let Suzy in the office or myself know and we could gather in my office and journey together! Rev. Diane

**The Communications and Technology Team is in need of someone to work on our Trinity website.**

Do you have experience working on a website or just want to learn a new skill? Please consider helping out. If you are interested please email Lynda Arnold at [mlarnold@vianet.ca](mailto:mlarnold@vianet.ca). Thank you!



**Your Communications and Technology Team wants to hear from you!** There are four panels of windows at Trinity, facing West Street. We are looking for ideas/suggestions as to what the congregation would like to see on the windows. Some suggestions so far include: a sign that fits into half of one of the panels that we can update regularly, seasonal posters/banners.

Please send your suggestions to: [maryanne.e.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.e.mitchell@gmail.com) no later than **Monday February 23, 2026**. Thank you!



**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Trinity's Annual Meeting** will be held in Trinity Hall following worship on **Sunday, March 1, 2026**. Everyone is invited to attend. The 2025 Annual Report will be available the week prior online and in print.