



*The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!*  
Sunday May 31, 2026



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# Welcome To Trinity

## The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

### Sunday May 31, 2026 - 10:00 Am

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

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*“Called to Christ, called to community,  
called to care and make a difference.”*

## WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**Introit:** “Find a Home Here”

All: **Find a home here, live out faith here,  
gather strength here, find family here.  
Be yourself here, feel secure here,  
celebrate here, be at home here.** (repeat)

### Greeting

One: Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly!”

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

Welcome to Trinity United Church –  
*the heart in the heart of Huntsville!*

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!  
Welcome in God’s all-inclusive and welcoming love!

*If you’re visiting with us or looking for a new spiritual home,  
we are glad you’re here as we aspire to grow in wisdom and  
in love.*

### Announcements

Be sure to check the announcements in our bulletins for what’s happening in the life and faith of our church community.

### Joys and Concerns A Moment of Quiet Reflection

#### Call to Worship

One: Welcome to this sacred space both here and at home as Spirit draws us together as one in our faith community.

All: **We come as we are welcomed by God’s love.**

One: Today, we gather around the waters of promise and grace. We gather to celebrate lives, stories and journeys that are becoming woven together.

All: **We come as God’s beloved sons and daughters.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the One who knows us, welcomes us and calls us by name.

**Opening Hymn:** “Let Us Build a House” (MV 1 - verses 1, 2, 4)

#### Opening Prayer

All: **Holy One, we gather today with joyful hearts. We gather as family and friends and new companions on our faith journey. Help us all know we are welcomed, valued and embraced by your grace. Bless those being baptized, bless those who are joining our community of faith and bless all of us as we continue growing together in love. We ask this in the name of Jesus who welcomes us all. Amen.**

**Light Beamer Song:** “Jesus Bids us Shine” (VU 585 - verses 1 & 3)

*Lighting of the Christ candle*

#### Time with our Light Beamers

*(Our young people are taught the values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, his love and his compassion for all God’s people. In turn, they learn how to shine their love with others at home, at school and at play.)*

## Congregational Blessing

Light Bearers: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

**Anthem:** "Within These Walls"

## GOD'S WORD FOR AN EASTER PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Lynn Montgomery.

## Prayer of Illumination

One: Divine Love, as we turn now to your Word, open our hearts and minds to hear your voice anew. As Jesus stood in the waters of baptism and heard your words of love, remind us that we too are your beloved sons and daughters. Amen.

**New Testament:** Matthew 3: 13-17

*(Today we hear how Jesus comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by his cousin John. In that moment, Jesus steps into the waters of our shared humanity.)*

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

All: **Amen.**

**Special Musical Duet:** "Wade in the Water"  
(David Wright and Kyung-A Lee)

## Offering Invitation

One: Today we celebrate new beginnings and lives welcomed into the embrace of God's family. May our offerings become signs of God's welcome in this world helping others discover they too are loved and belong in God's family.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

## Offering Hymn: (tune of Edelweiss)

All: **God of love, hear our prayer,  
bless this offering we bring you.  
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.  
Give us the courage to stand for truth,  
help us care for others.  
God of love, hear our prayer,  
bless this offering we bring you.**

## Offering Prayer

All: **Loving God, we bring these gifts before you with grateful hearts. Bless them and use them to extend welcome into the world, to bring hope where there is discouragement, friendship where there is loneliness and comfort where there is sorrow. Bless our lives also so others may come to know that they too are loved, welcomed and called by name. Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

One: Baptism is God's declaration over our lives: "You are my beloved".

A special welcome this morning to the Fawcett family here to have their daughter Madelyn baptized.

Her parents are Taylor and Anna Fawcett.

And of course, a special welcome to the grandparents: Mark and Patricia Hayward; Tim Fawcett and Taylor's two moms Shelly Mainville and Susan Fawcett

Madelyn's Godparents:  
Emily and Andrew Campbell

**Baptismal Hymn: “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”**  
(VU 444 - verses 1 and 2 only)

One: Friends today is a joy-filled day in the life of Trinity United Church. Today we celebrate God's love and welcome in beautiful and meaningful ways. We gather around the waters of baptism as we celebrate lives being embraced by grace. We also welcome new members into our growing faith community as they make Trinity their spiritual home.

We will begin today with the Fawcett family.

The Fawcett family is invited to come forward to stand at the baptism font.

**Presentation of Candidate for Baptism**

Lynda Arnold (Chair of the Trinity United Church Board of Directors.)

Lynda: On behalf of our faith community, I now present to you for Holy Baptism baby Madelyn, daughter of Taylor and Anna Fawcett. We welcome them and all their family and friends who are here today celebrating and supporting them in love. We are enriched by your presence with us today.

**The Lighting of the Baptismal Candle by Madelyn’s father Taylor Fawcett**

*(The baptismal candle is now lit.)*

One: This candle reminds us that in our Baptism we are celebrating God’s light and love, a love that has surrounded us since the beginning of time.

In the waters of baptism may she be marked with love that will not let her go. May her Spirit be alive with joy and her heart open to the wonder of God’s world.

**Promises of Faith by Parents**

One: Now, Anna and Taylor, as parents of this child, we are going to ask you before your family and friends and before this faith community to make some promises on behalf of your child.

Let’s begin.

**Promises of Godparents Emily and Andrew Campbell**

One: Do you Emily and Andrew as Godparents of Madelyn promise to nurture her with love and help support this family in bringing this child up in a caring and love-filled home?

If so answer, **“Yes, God being our helper.”**

**The Congregational Commitment**

*(The congregation is invited to please stand in body or in spirit.)*

One: As our family gathers around the waters of baptism, water being an ancient symbol of belonging and community, let us pledge our support for them as one faith community.

**All: As followers of Christ, we commit ourselves to supporting and upholding this family as we all seek to learn and grow our hearts in love on our faith journey. We are glad you are here with us and are blessed by your presence. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of the Water**

Let us pray:

**All: Creator of Life, we know water is a precious commodity. Water is everything. Water is life. We claim**

the joy of water and the way it sustains us and nourishes us. Today, we use water as an ancient symbol of life.

Our faith stories remind us that God's Way, the Way of love and compassion, is symbolized with water.

God's love, like waves crashing on the shore, breaks in on us and enfolds us, leaving us feeling vital and refreshed.

Spirit of Life, bless this water as a symbol of birth, life, creation and of our faith. May we use it now for this holy and sacred purpose of baptism. Amen.

### **The Pouring of the Baptism Water**

Emily, Anna's sister, is doing the honours today.

*The water is poured into the font...*

### **The Celebration of Baptism**

The chosen name is Madelyn Karrie Diane Fawcett.

### **The Signing of the Cross**

One: With the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's beloved daughter forever.

### **Minister's Blessing**

One: May God be in your head and in your thinking.

May God be in your eyes and in your seeing.

May God be in your mouth and in your speaking.

May God be in your feet and in your going.

May God be in your heart and in your loving. Amen.

Let us pray:

All: **Holy One, bless this newest member of your flock. May Madelyn enjoy the blessings of a long and abundant life. Bless these parents Anna and Taylor and may they continue to enjoy Madelyn and the wonderful gifts she**

**will bring to their lives. Bless too the faithful and wonderful circle of family and friends surrounding this young family today. May we all live in love and be good to one another. Amen.**

### **The Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Book by our Worship Team Leader, Sue Hicks**

*May the light of Christ continue to shine upon you this day and forever more.*

One: Will you please stand as we welcome our newest member to Christ's family!

Welcome in friendship, faith and welcome in love!

### **The Baptism of Kanu Torripa into Christ's holy and sacred family**

*"God calls us at every stage of life."*

One: Today we also celebrate a different but equally beautiful expression of faith, an adult responding personally and publicly to God's call. The same grace that welcomes a child also calls and embraces us as adults. Today we celebrate two unique stories, held together by one God and one community of faith.

### **Presentation for Baptism (Lynda Arnold - Board Chair)**

I call upon Kanu Torripa to be baptized into Christ's holy family.

His fiancé DeceMarie Tasse will light the baptismal candle on his behalf. This candle reminds us once again that in our baptism we are celebrating the light and love of God, a love that has surrounded us since the beginning of time.

*The candle is now lit...*



One: As we heard Baptism is a blessing. A formal rite of passage into Christ's church. It's about belonging to Christ and his one grand universal family.

### **Baptismal Promises**

#### **The Baptismal Ceremony**

One: May your life be transformed through the miraculous power of love.

#### **Congregation Blessing**

One: Will the congregation please stand and give Kanu our blessing.

**All: As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to walking with you as you continue on your faith journey. We are glad you're with us and are blessed by your presence and your gifts. Amen.**

#### **The Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Book by our Worship Team Leader, Sue Hicks**

One: Please stand as we welcome our newest member to Christ's family!

#### **Welcoming our New Members into Trinity United Church - the heart in the heart of Huntsville.**

One: We have just witnessed God's welcoming love poured out in baptism.

We now celebrate another response to that same grace as others come forward to make Trinity United Church their "official" spiritual home.

Our hearts are grateful as we welcome new members to our spirit-filled faith community.

#### **The Presentation of New Members by our Board Chair, Lynda Arnold**

I, Lynda Arnold, on behalf of this community of faith, introduce to you the following people to be officially welcomed as members of Trinity United Church.

*(Please read our new members bios in the order of service.)*

Ruth Fox  
Brenda Greer  
Jackie Horrocks  
Dolores Jardine  
Joanne Lips  
Carol Mason  
Murray Mason  
Darlene MacNeil  
Laura Lee Passmore  
Ben Passmore  
Ace Payne  
Karen Schamehorn  
Ann Sutherland  
Neil Thain

#### **The Commitment of New Members**

##### **Congregational Welcome**

*(please stand in body or in Spirit)*

One: Members and friends of Trinity United Church will you welcome these new members into our community of faith?

Will you support them with your love and care and walk with them in their faith journey?

Congregation: **We will, God being our helper. Together we seek to be a church that lives love, pursues justice and**

**embraces all. Together we will live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church. Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

### **Official Welcoming of our New Members**

*Be here! Be You! Belong!*

One: On behalf of the entire Trinity congregation ... Welcome! We give thanks for the gift of your presence and may your lives continue to shine with kindness and purpose. We welcome you as new companions on this journey of life and faith. We are better together and we are grateful that our paths have come together in this place.

### **Blessing**

One: May the grace of Christ attend you, may the love of God surround you, and may the Holy Spirit be alive within you this day and forever more. Amen.

### **The Presentation of New Member Certificates by our Board Chair, Lynda Arnold**

*Called to Christ!*

*Called to Community!*

*Called to love one another and to make a difference!*

Please join us in Trinity Hall following our service where a special welcoming luncheon has been prepared in honour of our new members here at Trinity United Church - the heart in the heart of Huntsville.

There will be a cake cutting ceremony with a photo of our new members and newly baptized immediately following the service.

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

**Minister's Brief Message: "Belong"**

### **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 time 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: "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" (MV 171)**

### **Commissioning**

One: In the Spirit of love, we have gathered, now in the Spirit of love, let us depart.

### **Irish Benediction**

One: May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold us all in the palm of God's hand.  
Amen.

**Sung Blessing:** “We Are One” (VU 402 - last verse only)

All: **We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there’s a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God’s ways  
as we move together from this place.**

**Musical Postlude:** Kyung-A Lee

*Following the Postlude, let’s take three minutes to greet one another with the peace of Christ or simply reach out and say hello to somebody you have not had the blessing of meeting until today.*

*You are also invited to join us in Trinity Hall where our celebration of Baptism and New Members will continue, and you will be able to personally welcome our new members of Christ’s family.*



With thanks to our Coffee Hour Hosts today, the Outreach Team!



**Your Spiritual Take Home!**

*“I wish to be a conduit of love to those I meet that I may know a softer way of being and a deeper sense of peace.”*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!**

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **May is Jam and Ketchup!**

**The Lighthouse Food Bank** is in need of empty egg boxes! They can be left in the basket opposite Trinity Hall. Thank you!

*Recycle! Reuse! Reduce!*

**Souper Sandwich** needs a new lead organizer! If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Nancy Waxl or Suzy in the office.

**Coffee Hosts** are being lined up for Trinity's Coffee Hour following our Sunday services for July, August and September.

If you would be interested in 'hosting' one of these Coffee Hours, please let Lynda Arnold (mlarnold@vianet.ca) or Suzy in the office know! With much thanks for helping with this important part of Trinity's ministry!!

**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!



**Men of Trinity** – Wednesday June 3 at 9 am in the Arnold Room.

**The Knitting Circle** - Wednesday June 3 at 1:00 pm in the Arnold Room. Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.



**Mug Up with the Minister!** – Join us this coming Thursday June 4 in the Arnold Room at 10 am and enjoy a cup of coffee with your church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. Bring your own mug and we will supply coffee!



**Worship Team** – Thursday June 4 at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.

**Muskoka Music Mix (MMM)** chorus and quartets will present *“An Afternoon of Harmony”* on Saturday June 6 starting at 3:00 pm in Trinity’s Sanctuary. Admission by donation that supports MMM's community initiatives including the Barbershop Harmony Society's charity that provides much-needed support for the speech-impaired."

## **NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Delores Jardine**

I grew up in the Huntsville area and attended Huntsville Public and High Schools. As a child, my family attended Pioneer United Church at Hillside. I am now living back in Huntsville after being away for many years and finding a spiritual home at Trinity United.

### **Ruth Fox**

I attended a service at Trinity United after moving from Whitby to our summer home. Really enjoyed connecting with Rev Diane and Trinity United Church community. Thank you for being so welcoming.

### **Brenda Greer**

I was born and raised in Huntsville in a strict conservative evangelical home. I have always had a love of Biblical teachings, but my questioning mind has caused me to have a difficult relationship with the church of my childhood. I left home to attend nursing school and after graduating as a registered nurse moved to Louisiana with a few of my classmates to work. During the approximately 16 months I was there, I met some wonderful people but struggled to understand the blatant racism I witnessed from otherwise good “Christian” people. Moving back to Ontario, I accepted a nursing position at Mount Sinai in downtown Toronto. During that time, I attended a variety of different churches but never felt that I had found my church. In 1982, I got married and we moved back to Huntsville so I could take a full-time nursing job

at Fairvern Nursing Home when it opened. This brought me back to feeling pressure to resume attending the church I had been raised in even though I did not fully agree with everything I was hearing. My discomfort grew once my marriage broke up and I began a relationship with my current partner. I continued to enjoy my career at Fairvern for over 28 years with the last 15 years there as the Director of Resident Care. I took an early retirement in 2012 and after taking a year off, I then accepted a part-time nursing job at the Huntsville Addiction Treatment Centre. After almost 15 years, I am still enjoying my work there. I have always had a love for the elderly and remembered my time at Fairvern fondly. So, after being away from Fairvern for 10 years, I was approached to see if I would consider joining The Friends of Fairvern Executive, Fairvern’s Volunteer Charitable Organization. I now serve as their Vice President and enjoy recruiting volunteers and helping to raise money to support the residents.

I stopped attending church after the COVID restrictions were lifted but felt that spiritually something was missing in my life. I began searching for a new church about two years ago after both of my parents died. I was seeking a church family that was warm and inviting to all who entered without exception and that put into practice the teachings of Jesus. After meeting with Diane and discussing my turbulent faith journey, I felt that perhaps I had found the church where I could feel accepted and at ease. Hearing the messages Sunday after Sunday about how much God loves us and reminding us that Jesus never turned anyone away who was seeking his truth, warmed my heart. After attending for the past couple of years and getting to know more of the people who attend here and seeing firsthand Trinity’s community outreach, I feel that it is time I put down some roots and join Trinity’s Faith Family.

### **Jacqueline (Jackie) Horrocks**

I was born in 1961 in Montreal spent all my childhood in Chateauguay, Quebec before moving to Riverview, New Brunswick for one year and then landing in Ontario in 1978.

I am a mother of two children and a grandmother of eleven.

I moved to Huntsville with my retired wife in 2015 and at the end of 2020 I retired.

My past involves a few years on the Skating Club volunteering as the Test Chair to volunteering with the Air Cadets in Shelburne as Supply Officer and Admin Officer. I took over the position of Chairperson, Sponsoring Committee Shelburne Air Cadets. Today I volunteer with The Friends of Fairvern and love working with the community.

I was raised a catholic but have moved away from the church for years. A friend recently invited me to attend a service at Trinity United. Rev Diane's down-to-earth sermons that reflect today's day and age puts everything in perspective and makes things more understandable.

I was recently invited to become a member of Trinity United Church by Rev Diane. I am honoured to join such a welcoming church, community to continue my journey with God.

### **Joanne Lips**

My husband, Peter, and I moved to Huntsville in 2003, happy to be "escaping" from Toronto as soon as our retirement became possible. We chose Huntsville because it seemed to be a central "hub" to many of the parks where we loved to go camping. It was, and continues to be, a wise choice in so many ways! We began our first Huntsville area church connection at Pioneer Memorial United Church in Hillside, via a friendship connection with Rev.

Robin Sharp, where we officially joined The United Church of Canada. My first contact with Trinity was when I became acquainted with Rev. Derek Shelly during his monthly gatherings of the "Spirit Café" at the former Soul Sisters restaurant. Soon after, I began trying out Trinity United Church, where he was the minister. My 'on again, off again' attendance gradually became more regular and finally, with the arrival of Rev. Diane, became regular. And now it seems natural that I officially transfer my membership from Pioneer to Trinity. Peter's choice, with our mutual understanding and agreement, is to continue his active membership at Pioneer United. Ours is perhaps a somewhat unusual arrangement, but mutually acceptable for us both as we continue our spiritual journeys within The United Church of Canada.

### **Darlene MacNeil**

Terry, my husband of 56 years passed away on November 21, 2025. We were amid relocating to Huntsville. My world, as I knew it, was gone.

On December 7, I attended my first service at Trinity United Church with my loving friends. As I was leaving Rev. Diane hugged me unconditionally. My tears soaked her gown. I knew this was a life-changing moment. Then came an offer to join the Knitting Group, a Trinity Hall ladies' table welcomed me to join them for coffee, phone calls, a whisper that I would enjoy 'Mug Up', spontaneous hugs in the coat hook hall, invitations to help serve tea and coffee. These experiences led me to believe I had found my spiritual family, who put love and kindness first, even with someone who felt so broken.

Thank you Trinity United Church, with love, Darlene MacNeil.

### **Laura Lee and Ben Passmore**

Ben and I were born and raised in Timmins, Ontario. We met when we were 19 and got married after dating for two years. That was 48 years ago. We bought a timeshare at Deerhurst and for many years, came up each year on our anniversary week.

Needless to say we loved the area – the rock, the trees and the water. We have lived in Timmins, North Bay, Oakville and spent 20 years in Georgetown. Missing the north, we decided to move to Huntsville nine years ago. A good friend and neighbour mentioned Trinity, so we attended a service and found it completely refreshing. The word that comes to mind is JOY and it just felt like the right place for us.

### **Carol and Murray Mason**

Murray is a professional engineer who has worked in the automotive sector for 50 years. His hobbies include boating, working on his 1931 model A car and inventing anything Carol can dream up. Carol started out in sterile pharmaceutical as a scientist. She ran the microbiology, chemistry and physical sciences laboratory transitioning into supporting obtaining regulatory market authorization for vaccine. Currently she transitions into becoming a registered psychotherapist. We have two adult children Barry married to Angela and Natalie married to John. We are the proud grandparents of three boys Jonah, Levi and baby Thomas. They all live in Bradford, so we spend many weekends going down to play. We have been in the United Church family for 40 years and look forward to building relationships with the folks at Trinity.

### **Ace Payne**

I was baptized at the Trinity United Church in Bradford and lived there with my family until I moved to Huntsville about 23 years ago. I started attending Trinity United Huntsville two years ago

and have found a second family here volunteering to help whenever opportunities arise. I currently work year-round alongside Gord Booker checking on a monthly basis the fire extinguishers, fire alarms and the emergency lights and will start watering the gardens as soon as things heat up!

### **Karen Schamehorn**

I was born and raised in Scarborough and have lived most of my adult life in Emsdale where I raised two daughters and now have four grandchildren. I worked for the Town of Huntsville for 30 years in The Finance Department and am now retired. I like to bake for my grandchildren and would like to travel more.

It was my wonderful friend, Colleen Mitchell, who invited me to join her at church when I moved to Huntsville four years ago.

What I like about Trinity Church is how welcomed everyone made me feel. Trinity is truly family.

### **Ann Sutherland**

Ann moved to Huntsville in 2018, to be near her niece and her two children Liam nine and Kylie eight. Her purpose is to “Bring Others Happiness and Lots of Fun.”

As a *Labour-of-Love* Ann produces ***Muskoka Outings***, a seasonal guidebook to every event, festival, concert and happening throughout Muskoka. So, if you know of anything going on, please let Ann know. She believes we are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful, energetic, talented and loving environment.

### **Neil Thain**

I moved to the Huntsville area in the spring of 2022. I live south of town off Brunel with my BDF (Best Doggie Friend) Noula. I started attending Trinity United in September of 2024 as part of my ongoing spiritual journey.