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On The Home Front







Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 2:00 pm
Trinity United Church, Huntsville
33 Main St. East, Huntsville

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday November 1, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday November 1, 2026 - 10:00 am

"Loving Hearts … Open Minds … Serving Hands"

"It's not the length of life but the depth of life."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Introit: "With Open Hearts"

All: **With open hearts, open arms, open minds**
there is welcome in this place
there is welcome in this space,
there is welcome with embrace, with open hearts.

A place of caring and acceptance
there is openness and trust
there are actions that are just.
All are welcome here, a place of belonging.

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in gratitude and in God's generous love!

We gather together both here and in our sacred spaces at home to nourish and inspire ourselves with music, song and story. We also challenge ourselves to become more Christ-like in our attitudes and our actions. Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, come on in, united in Spirit as we celebrate God's presence together.

Announcements
Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship

One: We count our years, mark our anniversaries, and wonder what tomorrow will bring.

All: **And yet, life is about more than the passing of time.**

One: We cannot know what lies ahead or how long our journey here on earth will be.

All: **But we can choose to live with open hearts and loving hands.**

One: Let us pause, breathe deeply and notice the gift of this moment.

All: **Together, may we be ready to discover what truly matters most.**

Opening Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts"
(MV 12 - verses 1,2,3)

Opening Prayer

All: **Holy Mystery, we come today carrying our plans, our worries, our hopes and our questions about tomorrow. Slow us down. Help us to set aside the things we cannot control and become present to the gift of this holy day. Open our spirits to the wisdom of Jesus, who invites us not to be consumed by tomorrow but to live faithfully today. Remind us that a meaningful life is not measured in years or accomplishments but in love freely given. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Beamers

(As we light our candle this morning, we are reminded that we are called to BE holy candles, to share Christ's light with those who are hurting and in need.)

Light Beamer Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

All: **Jesus loves the little children,**
all the children of the world.
We're all precious in His Sight.
Let us walk within his light.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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 Beamers: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Janice Elliott.

Prayer of Illumination

One: Spirit of life, as we listen to your Word today, quiet our minds and soften our hearts. Help us to listen for what your Spirit is saying to us. Pull us close. We are listening. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 6: 25-34

(Who can add a single hour to their life by worrying?)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "More than a string"

Anthem: "Seasons of Love"

Offering Invitation

One: As we reflect upon the measure of a life, we are reminded that its deepest meaning is found not in what we accumulate, but in what we share.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

New Offering Hymn: "Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving" (MV 185)

All: **Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.**
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving,
I will glorify you, O my God, today!

Offering Prayer

All: **Generous God, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts, grateful for the life we have been given and the love that sustains us. Bless these offerings and the hands that will use them. May our generosity extend beyond these offering plates. Help us give our time, our attention, and our love freely. And may our lives reflect what matters most. In the Spirit of Jesus, who shows us the way of love. Amen.**

Hymn: "Prayer" (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 we 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: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (VU 575)

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

Benediction

One: May you worry a little less about tomorrow and live a little more fully today.

May you love generously, forgive freely and remind the people in your life that they matter.

And may that little piece of string remind you that life is more than its length. It's the depth of love we bring to it.

Go in peace and remember **"Be good to one another!"**

Sung Blessing: "May the Peace of God Be Your Peace"

All: **May the peace of God be your peace.**
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know and
may the world that God would see be found in you.

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.



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 big thanks to our Coffee Hour Hosts today, Nina Semper Ross and Jim Miller!



Thought for the week ahead!

"I do not fear dying.
I fear not having lived the life I have been given."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Coffee Hosts are needed
for next Sunday, November 8 and Sunday November 29!
If you are available to help, please let Lynda Arnold know.

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



November is Soda Crackers!
They are also in need of reusable grocery bags.
Thank you!

FundScrip orders are due today!



Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits. Fundraising remains a vital part of Trinity's budget. Thank you for your support!
Order forms and instructions can be found on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall or from Gord Mitchell.

White Gift Sunday is November 29, 2026! Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found it is more helpful if gift certificates/cards were given by members of the congregation to be distributed as required. If you plan on buying cards through Fundscrip, orders will be due to Gord Mitchell TODAY!! Regardless of the value of the gift card, all express the same love and compassion. The cards will be distributed to various organizations early in December.

Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!
The Outreach Team



Chuck's Coffee House is back! Live Acoustic Music – this Saturday November 7 at 7:00 pm in Trinity Place (aka the Sanctuary!) It's gonna be a fun night out for $10 - no tickets required! *Bring a friend!* For more information call Chuck 705-571-1229. Hope to see you there!



Introducing **Corner Lighthouse Free Community Lunch**.



Everyone is welcome to join us every Wednesday (starting November 4) from 12 noon to 1:30 pm in Trinity Hall to enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a delicious sandwich! *Bring a friend!*

Do you need a Name Tag?



After the service, Nancy Waxl will be in the hall taking the names of those people that require a name tag. If you would like one or need one, don't forget to let her know. Thank you!

Trinity's Website! Be sure to check out Trinity's website under 'Life at Trinity/Photo Gallery' for pics from the Line Dancing evening here!

And... Check out Trinity's Business Supporters under 'Support Trinity'. Big thank you to them for their continued support.

Please consider using PAR/OMG - PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or OMG (On-line Monthly Givings) is an easy and convenient way to make your offering. Once a month this United Church program transfers money from your bank account to Trinity's account. Application forms are available from the office or the website. You may change the amount anytime by filling out a new form. Once PAR is set up, you never again need to worry about forgetting your offering and the church benefits from a regular cash flow.



Cooking for Charities

ONE PIE $30 OR TWO PIES $50



Tourtière Pies for sale

All proceeds go to the
Corner Lighthouse Food Bank & Community Hub

To order call: 705-380-1800

Afternoon of Christmas Readings

Presented by MSM Connect in partnership with Canvas Brewing Co.

Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Canvas Brewing Co., 12 John Street, Huntsville



MSM Connect is inviting submissions for Afternoon of Christmas Readings.

We're looking for short, upbeat, engaging pieces, including Christmas poetry, humorous holiday stories, festive memories and personal reflections related to the season.

Up to a maximum of 10 minutes per reader.

A small lineup will be selected, and chosen participants will be notified.

The deadline for submissions is November 13, 2026.
Submit your piece to: info@msmconnect.ca
To learn more about the event, visit: **https://msmconnect.ca/events/**

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