



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday October 11, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity
The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Together for Thanksgiving
Sunday October 11, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

*"Thanksgiving is a gentle invitation to pay attention
to the gift of being alive."*

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

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!
Welcome in Gratitude and in God's inclusive love!

Whoever you are, wherever you're from, whatever prompted
you to be here welcome! We are glad you're here and are
enriched by your presence with us.

Trinity United Church is an Affirming community of faith,
whomever you love, whatever your gender or economic status
this is your community of faith. Jesus welcomed everybody and

so do we! We are all God's beloved part of our one grand human
family. Love has no labels. Welcome!

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship

One: God's grand creation is aglow! Mother Nature is
flaunting her finest, dressed in her glorious autumn garb. So
many wonderful sights!

All: Creator God, we come with thankful hearts.

One: The smell of a wood fire, cozy blankets, and turkey
roasting in the oven.

All: Creator God, we come with thankful hearts.

One: Let our hearts be grateful and may we show gratitude by
the way we show up in the world and care for other people.

Opening Medley

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (VU 541)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (VU 291 - verses 2 and 5)

"This Is God's Wondrous World" (VU 296 - all the verses)

Opening Prayer

**All: God of autumn splendor, it's so easy for us to miss the
goodness that surrounds us. We are rushing around and
we miss the blessings that are in plain sight. Slow us
down. Help us pay more attention to the precious gift of
life that we have been given. Open our eyes to the holy
ordinary. Open our hearts to you and to one another. In
Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Beamers

(We light the candle as a symbol of God's many blessings in our lives. May we be always mindful of the beauty and blessings that surround us each and every day.)

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.)

Light Beamer Song: "Thank You Song"
(tune of Jesus Loves Me)

All: **Thank you for this lovely day. (Arms wide open)**
Thank you for the ways to pray. (Hands together)
Thank you for the friends we see. (Wave to friends)
Thank you for your love for me. (Hug self)
Yes, God, we thank you. (Hands out, palms up)
Yes, God, we thank you. Yes, God, we thank you.
We thank you every day. (Hands over heart)

Congregational Blessing

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

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

Anthem: "Thankful"

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Faye McKnight.

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: Luke 17: 11-19

(Jesus heals 10 people but only one remembers and gives thanks. When have we also forgotten to give thanks?)

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

All: **Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "Stop, Look and Linger"

Brief Musical Reflection

Offering Invitation

One: For the many blessings we enjoy we are truly grateful.
And now we are reminded that we are blessed to be a blessing.

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: **Holy Mystery, with grateful hearts we offer what we can, our gifts, our time and our love. May these gifts become a blessing to others and to our community. In gratitude, we give. In love, we share. 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: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (VU 227)

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

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.

Thank you to our Coffee Hosts today: Lynn Montgomery, Kanu Torripa and Lynda Arnold.



Chuckle for the Week!

*"Come for the turkey,
stay for the family dynamics!"*

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Here is a Thanksgiving grace you may like to use this year.

May we be thankful
for food
in a world where many walk in hunger,
for faith
in a world where many walk in fear and
for friends
in a world where many walk alone.
Amen.

From our home to yours,
wishing you a gratitude-filled heart and
joyful blessings today and always.

Rev. Diane and Family
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

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



October is Canned Corn and Mustard.

They are also in need of empty 12 and 18 size egg boxes and reusable grocery bags. These can be left in the basket opposite Trinity Hall. Thank you!

Directors and Team Leaders meeting - Tuesday October 13 at 10:00 am in the Arnold Room.

Sunday October 18 is Mission and Service (M&S) Sunday! This will be followed by a light lunch provided by the Outreach Team. M&S envelopes can be found in the pews. Your gifts can be placed on the collection plate or sent directly to M&S. Tax receipts are available. For everyone who may contribute directly, please be sure to include ***“soft credit Trinity UC, Huntsville- MS 5120220”*** so that your contribution is added on to Trinity’s total M&S contribution!! Mission and Service is a program of the United Church of Canada that helps transform and save lives in Canada and around the world. Thank you for your generous gifts to M&S.



Trinity "Line Dancing" Fundraiser!

Get your cowboy boots shined up or your dancing shoes ready. Mark your calendar for **Friday, October 23 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in Trinity Hall.

Instructor will be the Judy Smith (beginner level so everyone is comfortable).

Admission is \$15.00 person (includes two slices of pizza, beverage and a treat).

Come for the fun! Bring your enthusiasm!
Invite family and friends for a night out!

Line Dancing!



Chuck's Coffee House is back! Live Acoustic Music – 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!



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 on Sunday November 1. 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



A green rectangular advertisement with a black border. At the top is the logo for "Cooking for Charities" featuring a chef's hat and a fork. Below the logo, it says "ONE PIE \$30 OR TWO PIES \$50". In the center is a photo of a slice of tourtière pie on a plate, with a QR code to its right labeled "SCAN ME". Below the photo, it says "Tourtière Pies for sale". At the bottom, it says "All proceeds go to the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank & Community Hub" and "To order call: 705-380-1800".