



The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday October 18, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Mission and Service Sunday

Sunday October 18, 2026 - 10:00 am

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

"Compassion lies at the heart of generosity."

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.

(Repeat first verse)

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: Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?"

All: **Of course we love you Jesus.**

One: Then feed my sheep. Care for those who are hungry, hurting and forgotten.

All: **Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbours both near and far.**

One: We cannot do everything, but we can each do something.

All: **Together, we can make a difference through generosity and service.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the One who calls us to love.

Opening Hymn: "This Is the Day That God Has Made" (VU 175)

Opening Prayer

All: **Divine Mystery, you call us to love not just with our words but with our lives. You remind us that following Jesus means caring for one another, feeding the hungry and bringing hope where it is needed. Open our hearts this morning to hear your call. Bless the work of Mission and Service and bless all those who serve and give in its name. In the spirit of Jesus who calls us to feed his sheep we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ candle by our Light Bearers

(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: “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)

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.**

Mission and Service Presentation – Shirley Boon

Anthem: “Ask of Me”

GOD’S WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Shirley Boon.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: 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: John 21: 15-17

(This scripture highlights the idea that we love Jesus by caring for his people.)

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

All: **Amen**

The Minister’s Message: “Feed my Sheep”

Brief Musical Reflection

Offering Invitation

One: Jesus says, “Feed my sheep.” We hear these words as a call to care for people in need both near and far. Through our gifts to Trinity United Church and to Mission and Service we become part of something bigger than ourselves.

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: **Divine Mystery, we bring before you our ordinary treasures, the work of our hands and our minds. Accept these gifts and those designated for our Mission and Service Fund. Use what we give, and who we are, to make your love visible in the world. May they remind those who are hurting that they are not forgotten. 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: “God Abundant, God of Wonder”
(sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic)

All: **God abundant, God of wonder,
God of every living thing.
God of justice and of righteousness
empower us as we sing.
May the wisdom Jesus offers be the gift that we can bring.
Your love is meant for all.**

**Praise the source of all creation.
Heed the holy invitation.**

**Offered up to every nation.
God’s love is meant for all.**

**How insulting to imagine you would only bless a few
based on creed or right belief
we know it matters what we do.
When we cultivate compassion
then your truth is known anew.
Your love is meant for all.**

**Praise the source of all creation.
Heed the holy invitation
Offered up to every nation.
God’s love is meant for all.**

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

The Benediction

One: May you carry Christ’s love in your heart and your hands.
May you notice those who need kindness and hope.
And may you leave this place ready to help somebody,
love on somebody and to feed Christ’s sheep.

Go in peace and go in love 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: Nicole Taylor

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 the Outreach Team on this Mission and Service Sunday for a light lunch in Trinity Hall following the service. Everyone is invited!



Thought for the week ahead!

"Love always has work to do."

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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!

UCW meeting – Monday October 19 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room.

Men of Trinity – Wednesday October 21 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room.

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!



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



Are you interested in reading Scripture during one of Trinity's Sunday Services? As a Scripture Reader you would only need to read once every couple of months. If this is something that you would be interested in doing in 2027, please let Suzy in the office know. Thank you!

Would you like to be part of Trinity's Sunday morning Greeters Team? This is such a vital ministry for the tone and welcome we want to set as "*the heart in the heart of Huntsville*". It's not just about giving out the order of services or bulletins as we sometimes call them. It's about connection and putting people at ease as they make their way into our building. It's about making people feel seen, valued and welcomed. It takes courage to walk through the doors of a church for the first time! We want to make that walk as stress free as possible. Please let Suzy in the office know if you would like to become a Greeter in 2027. Thank you!



An Invitation to Experience the Divine

What if the sacred is closer than we imagine?

We walk our streets carrying loneliness, worry, longing and despair, often unaware of the deep well of Spirit within us. Yet we are made in the image of God. The Divine is not distant or waiting for us somewhere else. There is something holy within us, spiritual birthright that is already ours.

Jesus' spoke of the Kingdom of God as something not simply *out there*, but something we can discover within.

Our upcoming **Alternative Evening Worship Service on Wednesday October 28 at 7:00 pm** is an invitation to slow down, become still, and awaken to that presence.

Through music, silence, meditation and reflection, we will create space to move beyond simply *thinking about* God and toward an experience of the Divine.

No pressure. No expectations. Just a quiet place to breathe, listen, become aware and perhaps remember something you have forgotten: **The Holy is already within you.**

Come and discover a different way of worshipping.

Come and be still.

Come and awaken.

Come and remember what is already there.

