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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday October 25, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville

Sunday October 25, 2026 - 10:00 am

"Loving Hearts … Open Minds … Serving Hands"

"Compassion is an unavoidable ingredient of a Christ following life."

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.

(Repeart 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: We come from a world that is quick to anger, quick to judge and quick to draw lines between us and them.

All: **We come seeking a better way.**

One: We come carrying our worries, our frustrations and sometimes even our resentments.

All: **We come seeking hearts made softer and wider by love.**

One: When the world responds with anger, may we respond with wisdom.

All: **When the world fights fire with fire, may we have the courage to fight fire with love. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV 1 (1,2,4,5)

Opening Prayer

All: **Divine Mystery, we come from a world that can leave us feeling weary, weary of the anger, the conflict, the divisions, and the hurt we see around us. Sometimes we feel the anger rising in us too. So, in this time, quiet the noise around us and within us. Soften what has grown hard. Open what has been closed. May our time together shape who we are becoming, God's beloved in our one grand complicated human family.**

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: "Oh, When We All Begin to Care"
(tune *of "When the Saints Come Marching In")*

All: **Oh, when we all begin to care,**
Oh, when we all begin to care,
Oh, it will be so warm and friendly
When we all begin to care.

Chorus
We need God's love; we need God's care.
Oh, how we need God's love
to help us build a better world
and to live in harmony.

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.**

Anthem

GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Our Scripture Reader today is Sally McClelland.

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.

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3: 1-10 and 4: 1-11

(Jonah berates God for showing mercy to his people. "When do we think people may not deserve our compassion?")

Reader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

All: **And a light to our path. Amen.**

The Minister's Message: "Fight Fire with Love"

Hymn: "Spirit of Life" (VU 381)

Offering Invitation

One: We live in a world that sometimes seems to have forgotten how to be gentle with one another. But every act of kindness and every hand extended is a way of choosing love over indifference.

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, here is the work of our hands, minds and hearts. Bless these gifts and us so we can continue to be a force for love in a world that is bent and twisted out of shape. Empower us to be Holy candles where we all can shine our light and make a difference in the dark and hurting corners of this world. 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: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (VU 684)

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

The Irish Benediction

One: May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm up on 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: "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 the Trinity Knitters!





Thought for the week ahead!

"Is it possible that the power of evil can be undermined through living with a strong devotion to goodness?"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

Coffee Hosts are needed
for some Sundays in November and December.
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.



October is Canned Corn and Mustard.
They are also in need of reusable grocery bags.
Thank you!

Therapeutic Touch – Monday October 26 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to drop in for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



Alternative Evening Worship Service - Wednesday October 28 at 7:00 pm in Trinity's Sanctuary. Through music, silence, meditation and reflection, we will create space to move beyond simply *thinking about* God and toward an experience of the Divine. All are welcome to attend.

FundScrip orders are due next Sunday November 1!
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.

If you would like a prayer included with the prayers of the people, **Prayer Pockets** are available and should be placed on the offering plate. Thank you!



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!



Mission & Service (M&S) Financial Update for Trinity
by Shirley Boon, M&S Treasurer
As of September 30, 2026, Trinity folks have contributed **$12,923** to the *Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.*
Thank You so much for contributing to this vital global outreach work.
Trinity's 2026 budget for M&S is $12,000.
Trinity's budget commitments have been met with **$9,000** as of the end of September. Extra regular monthly M&S donations through PAR/OMG (Our Monthly Givings) total **$2,655.** UCW has contributed **$1,000** and individual donations to M&S over and above regular church offering so far total **$268.**
Last Sunday, October 18, 2026, the Outreach Team sponsored Mission & Service Sunday at Trinity. *Our money is working through M&S helping to TRANSFORM lives, INSPIRE meaning and purpose, and BUILD a better world* ***together with other United Churches across Canada.***
Donations for Mission & Service can be given to the church office anytime with a notation that it is for M&S. All donations are tax deductible. If you wish to be added to our growing list of individuals who donate regularly to M&S through PAR/OMG over and above their usual envelope or PAR/OMG givings, please speak to Suzy at the church office.

