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TO OUR 2026 CHRISTMAS
"WALK ABOUT"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

10 AM - 12.00 NOON

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

Sunday November 22, 2026



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Welcome To Trinity

The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville
Sunday November 22, 2026 - 10:00 am
Guest Minister: Reverend Terry Samuel

"Loving Hearts … Open Minds … Serving Hands"

CHRIST IS THE KING SUNDAY

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 love's all-inclusive embrace!

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 gather today in hopes of awakening in a fresh way to God's presence in our midst.

All: **May the Spirit touch our hearts, our eyes and our ears that we may embrace God's guidance for the living of this day.**

One: In this hour of presence: ours and God's in a holy dance, may we find blessing and peace, enough to share and celebrate.

All: **With thankful hearts, we await insight, understanding and vision.**

Opening Hymn: "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" (VU 312)

Open Prayer

All: **Loving God, we come today remembering your continuing presence in all our everyday affairs. We don't often think of it, but in times like this, on Sunday mornings in church, we come back to you. And we come together as a faithful family, sharing that mutual understanding and support which is born out of our common vision, offered to us through our growing awareness of your holy way and guidance. Be near to us in this hour, we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle by our Light Beamers

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

(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.)

Congregational Blessing

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

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

Anthem: "God and God Alone"

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.

Scripture Reading: Amos 7:7-13. (Good News Translation)

(A dark warning is given by Amos the prophet concerning God's people who have lost their faithful commitment and are distracted by their passions and dreams. And neither that holy warning nor the messenger, Amos, are welcomed. Amos is ordered to cease and desist!)

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

All: **Amen**

The Minister's Message: "Where's your plum bob?

Brief Musical Reflection

Offering Invitation

One: Our offering is not something we give to earn God's love. It is a response to the love we have already experienced and the love we hope to share.

Our morning tithes and offering will now be received.

Offering Hymn: "Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving" (MV185)

Offering Prayer

All: **Loving God, even as we offer thanks to you for your abiding presence and care in all our daily walks, we ask that you will grow our desire to share our lives, our resources and our time, in a world so troubled with suffering and struggle. And in that sharing, grant us that peace you promise to your faithful pilgrims. Amen.**

Hymn: "Like a Healing Stream" (MV 144)

Prayers Of The People

The Lord's Prayer

(First Nations New Testament Version. An Indigenous translation of the New Testament)

All: Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day -
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others
for the things done wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us
to stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one
and his worthless ways.
May it be so!

Closing Hymn: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
(VU 507 – vs 1, 2, 4 - Tune Kingsfold 625)

Benediction

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.



With thanks to our Coffee Hour Hosts today Trinity's UCW!





Thought for the week ahead!

Love is not blind;
love is the only thing that sees!



Special thanks in leading us in worship this morning is offered to Terry who is a retired minister. Along with his wife, Susan, they moved to Huntsville in the spring from their home in Lions Head Ontario to be nearer their daughter Jennifer and her family. Terry has served the Presbyterian Church in Canada over many years (40 or so) and as a part-time "fill-in" in Pike Bay and Lions Head United Churches for 15 years. With his love of music, Terry is still active in the music world and, among other things, has become a member of the Muskoka Concert Band.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

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 and egg cartons (any size). Thank you!

Christmas Decorating Elves! Tuesday November 24 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Alternative Evening Worship Service - Wednesday November 25 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.

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. 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!

Mission and Service Donations. For everyone who may contribute to Mission and Service 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!! With thanks!



"A Joyful Advent, Anyway" is a free daily Advent series from Kate Bowler, beginning Sunday November 29. Each morning brings a short reflection with Scripture, a blessing, and a question to think about, along with some surprising Christmas history from Kate's father, a historian of Christmas. It is honest about grief and generous about joy. Sign up at katebowler.substack.com.

Book Donations! Do you have any gently read books lying around that you don't plan on reading again? If so, the UCW are accepting book donations for Trinity's 2026 Christmas "Walk About". If you need someone to pick up the books, please contact Barb Dalziel at 306-960-7349 (dalzielbarb@gmail.com) or Julie Brushey at 705-789-8737 (jbrushey1@cogeco.ca.) Alternatively, feel free to drop the books off with Suzy in the office. Thank you!

The Muskoka Music Mix chorus and quartets will present their traditional *"Christmas in Muskoka"* concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday December 6 at 3:00 pm. Admission will be by a donation in support of the Barbershop Harmony Society's *Harmonize for Speech* program. Hope to see you there!



PLEASE NOTE!! When writing cheques to Trinity they need to be written to "**Trinity United Church Huntsville"**. The TD bank is tightening it's rules and will now not accept cheques written to Trinity United Church. Thank you for your help with this.

Sunday Coffee Hosts needed for
December 20 and 27!
If you are available to help, please let Lynda Arnold know.

