

# Trinity United Church

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**Trinity United Church**  
**“The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville”**  
**November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**10:00 am**

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(\*Invites you to stand as you are able;  
**bolded** text is for congregational response)

## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Music in Preparation for Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Moment of Recollection

Call to Worship (Ps. 122: 1,2)

Lighting the First Candle of Advent

Introduction

Responsive Scripture Verses (Isaiah 2:2,4):

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s  
house shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains . . .

**all the nations shall stream to it.**

God shall judge between nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

**They shall beat their swords into  
plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.**

We light the candle of hope.

Hymn, VU 7: Hope Is a Star (vs. 1)

Prayer:

God of hope, into our places of struggle, come!  
**Renew us in hope, so that we may be  
alert to the dawning  
of Christ's advent among us. Amen.**

\*Hymn, VU 29: Hark! the Glad Sound (Richmond)

Opening Prayer

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Discovery Time: The "feathered thing" or an anchor?

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus responds to speculation about when the Son of Man will come to bring history to its culmination. He speaks about the sudden, unexpected way it will overtake humankind. The best response of disciples, then, is to "keep awake."

Herein is wisdom: **thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The True Body

Prayers of Intercession

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Offertory Hymn, VU 540: Grant Us, God, the Grace of  
Giving

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: *Ave verum corpus*

W.A. Mozart

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, been sacrificed  
on the cross for humankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death!

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

Source and Sustainer of life . . .  
and one in longing for a world reborn.

**Creator and Friend,  
we praise you for your presence  
in and with your creation,  
ever drawing it toward  
healing and wholeness.  
With all who abide in your presence and care,  
we lift our voices to sing:**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you;  
my heart is glad to say the words,  
you are holy, Lord**

(Santo, Santo VU 951)

God of majesty . . .  
fruit of Mary's womb and Word of life.  
**We remember Jesus,  
faithful friend and living hope,  
baptized into our need;  
attesting truth before the powers;  
seeking the forgotten and abused,  
setting the prodigal and the righteous  
at the one feast of forgiveness;  
and providing for all who come  
useful work in the vineyard.  
We remember Jesus, risen and eternal One,  
Christ who comes to meet us.**

Now, O God, fill us with your Holy Spirit

**that in the gifts of this table  
we may encounter your grace,  
in unity with one another,  
and with Christ our peace. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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The Communion

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Concluding Prayer:

Eternal and gracious One,  
though we live in a world of need,  
**here we have tasted your goodness,  
and hungered for a world more just;**  
though afflicted by brokenness and loss,  
**here we have heard your call  
to be people of healing community;**  
though daily we touch our limits,  
**here we have received  
the treasure of your unfailing grace.**

Send us forth, O God,  
**in faith and hope and love. Amen.**

\*Hymn, VU 2: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
(Stuttgart)

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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Lighting of the Advent candle by Julie and John Brushey  
Our Scripture reader is Julie Brushey

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### Poem for the Week ahead

*Hope is the thing with feathers  
that perches in the soul  
and sings the tune without the words  
and never stops at all.*

Emily Dickinson

## Announcements and other 'Stuff'!

This morning the Rev. Joan Wyatt joins the Rev. Dr. Peter Wyatt in leading worship. They are retired United Church ministers living in the Almaguin Highlands and both have served in congregational ministry in Alberta and Ontario. Joan has served also on faculty at the Vancouver School of Theology and Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Following service in the General Council Office as General Secretary for Theology, Faith and Ecumenism, Peter served as principal of Emmanuel College and is an associate professor emeritus. Joan and Peter look back with wonder at raising their four children and mostly rejoice in their six grandchildren.

### Welcome to the Season of Advent

Welcome to the season of Advent. A season of waiting. A season of anticipation. A season of preparing our hearts for the birth of Christ anew.

In this sacred season “we remember and celebrate the gift of Divine Love who leapt from the Holy Womb into the heart of humanity.” (Joyce Rupp). This Loving Presence, this Spirit of Love, became for us a source of hope, compassion and courage during this journey we call life.

In the next four weeks we will be lighting four candles in our Advent Wreath- the candles of hope, peace, joy and love. On Christmas Eve all these flames will be ignited and united into one flame- the Light of Christ.

At Christmas we not only celebrate this light in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. We celebrate once again the birth of the Spirit of love and light in the manglers of our hearts. A birth that brings with it a transformation of who we are as we strive to become better humans.

We also endeavour to imitate the compassionate life of Jesus and to love as he loved- tenderly and wholeheartedly. As a spiritual guide he showed his people a different and new way of looking at and experiencing the world around him. He started a movement of love. A movement we are called to participate in two thousand years later.

May the true and priceless gifts of this Sacred season- hope, peace, joy and love be yours now and into the new year ahead.  
Advent Blessings, Rev. Diane

**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Hearth Room. All are welcome!

### “Mug Up with the Minister!”

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Hearth Room.

### Outreach Committee - needs your loving help!



This November, we are collecting **hats, mitts and socks** to help those who are in need in our community. You can help by bringing these items to Trinity Hall before or after church service or dropping them off in the office. Donations are given to several organizations.

### Frosty Fair this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, opens at 11:30 am!

The UCW Frosty Fair Luncheon consists of quiche, salad and dessert. There will be quiche with meat, vegetarian and gluten free options and two sittings – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and a LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AND MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME so that the cooks know how many quiches to make. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased after church or from Suzy in the office.



**Your FundScrip Orders are due next week!!** For more information, telephone Fran and Gord at 705-789-2062 OR email your order to: [gordmitchell46@gmail.com](mailto:gordmitchell46@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Frosty Fair Gift Basket!

We are collecting crafts, knitting and homemade food treats to put in a gift basket and tickets will be sold at the Frosty Fair. The draw will take place in Trinity Hall after Church on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> which will give Trinity members a chance to buy tickets. If you would like to contribute one of your homemade treasures, please leave it in the office or bring it to Trinity, attention Linda Martin. Heartfelt thanks!



## White Gift Sunday!



Again, with your faithful support, we are hoping to ease the stress of Christmas for families in need. We have found that it is more helpful if gift cards were given. If gifts cards are used, these can be purchased through our FundScrip program. Orders must be placed by Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. If ordering your White Gift cards through our FundScrip program, please let Suzy know as a tax receipt can be issued. **Thank you for your goodwill and generosity!**

## What is White Gift Service all about anyway?

Well, it actually has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904. The wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are all wrapped in white so they will be anonymous. **The focus is on the giving**~ everyone would share in the joy of giving to others no matter the cost of the gift given. All gifts, modest or more expensive wrapped in white paper would be graciously accepted for those who were in need. This focus on the love of the giver and not on the value of the gift has grown into today's white gift services in many United Churches right across the country.

This year Trinity United Church is observing **White Gift Sunday on December 11<sup>th</sup>**~ our third Sunday in Advent~ when we light our candle of joy in our Advent wreath. Please bring a gift if you are able wrapped in white paper or a white bag and the gifts will be distributed by our Outreach Team before Christmas to our local agencies to those needing them with the onset of the colder weather. **This year winter hats, gloves, and warm socks for children and adults alike will all be joyfully received.** You can place them on the table that will be set up in the sanctuary when you come in.

Please bring a nice gift~ new or gently used~ gifts that you would like to find under the tree. If you wouldn't wear it perhaps this is not the best gift to bring in for our White Gift service. **Gift cards from FundScrip** are also greatly appreciated. You could pop one in a white envelope. This Christmas Appeal is one way we can show God's love and our caring commitment to the people in our local community. As followers of Jesus we are called to look after our neighbour and our neighbour is anybody in need. Thank you for being the heart of Christ and a beacon of light to others this time of year. Miracles happen when we share our simple gifts with others.

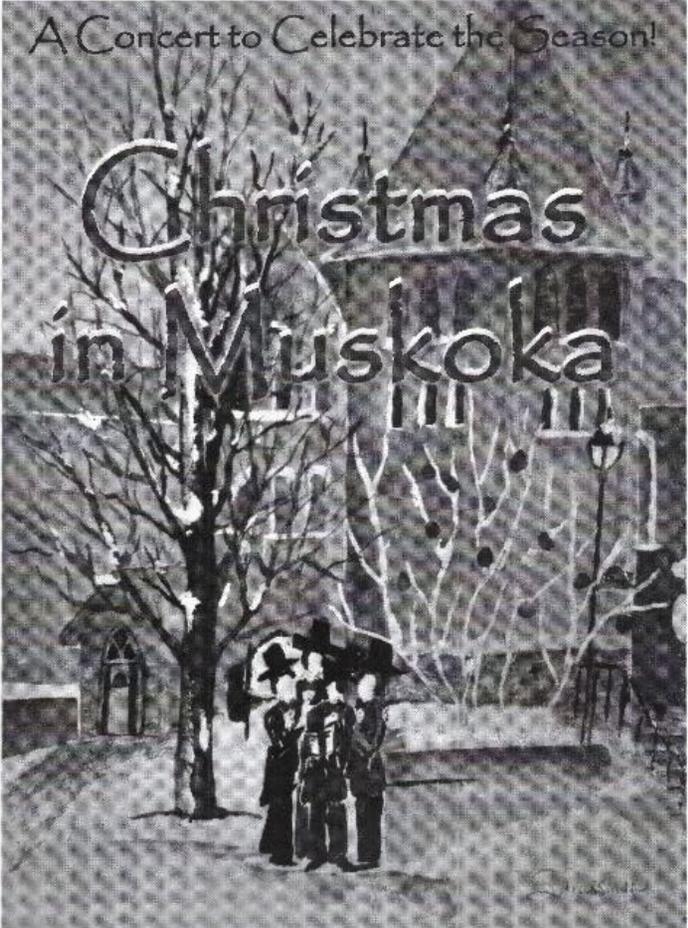
## Tour of Muskoka Christmas Lights!

This school bus tour will last up to three hours and start and end at Trinity United Church. The cost per person, must be 19 years or older, is \$20. A minimum of 18 people is required.

Date: Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Time: 5:30 pm.

Please contact Elsie Corrigan at 705-788-7690 or email: [elsie@cogeco.ca](mailto:elsie@cogeco.ca), if interested. The deadline for booking is Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>!





Sunday,  
December 4  
2:00 PM

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33 Main St E  
Huntsville

Join us for  
Coffee &  
Cookies  
after the  
concert

Featuring performances by:

There is no charge  
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and  
Frank Berg

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