



Trinity Presbyterian Church
Weekly Newsletter
December 21, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – DECEMBER 24, 2022

Sermon – “So They Can All See the Baby GOOD”
 (Rev. Dr. Victor Lujetic)



We hope to see you at Trinity for our Christmas Eve service, which will begin at 7:00 PM. Rev. Dr. Victor Lujetic will lead the service and the choir will be leading the carols. As we listen to the Christmas story told through Scripture, may we prepare our hearts to welcome God’s wonderful gift to us in His son, the baby Jesus.

Trinity’s sanctuary is open for in-person worship, and worship services will continue to be offered via Zoom. The link to the Christmas Eve service will be sent out from the Church Office on Thursday.



Christmas Holidays & Contact Information:

The Church Office will be closed at the end of the day on December 22. Jennifer will be returning to work on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Email and voicemail may be checked periodically by volunteers. In the event of an emergency, please call Trinity’s Clerk of Session, Marg Connelly.

Did you order grocery cards this month?



Bob and/or Marg will be at the church tomorrow – **Thursday, December 22** – for the sale/pickup of the cards between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

TRINITY’S CALENDAR

Thursday, December 22

- 1:30 pm Grocery Card Pickup
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:50 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, December 24

- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (in person & Zoom)

Sunday, December 25

No worship service at Trinity! Join Westminster at 10:30 AM

Sunday, January 1

- 10:00 am New Year’s Day Worship Service (in person & Zoom)
 (No Sunday School this week)

Sunday, January 8

- 10:00 am Worship Service with Pastor Dave Whitecross (in person & Zoom)
 (No Sunday School this week)
- 4:00 pm Induction Service for Pastor Dave Whitecross

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Please note that there will be no worship service at Trinity on Christmas morning. Westminster Presbyterian Church (470 Roosevelt Avenue) is extending an invitation for us to join their Christmas worship service with Rev. Chris Clarke. The service, which will be held in person and via Zoom, begins at 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 25. The information that you need to connect through Zoom is found below:

Click on the link to join the Westminster Christmas Day Service!

<https://zoom.us/j/93649689506?pwd=OU5ERWISU09TMnpzeHVSWEhtMUxPUT09>

Meeting ID: 936 4968 9506

Passcode: 182861



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES



Rev. Dr. Victor Lujetic has been our spiritual leader for the last several months at Trinity. His last sermon and service with us will be on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Victor would really like for as many of us as possible to be in the church sanctuary on New Year's Day so he can say a final farewell to us in person.



Pastor Dave Whitecross will preach his first sermon at Trinity on the morning of Sunday, January 8, 2023. At 4 PM, the Ottawa Presbytery and guests from other churches will gather at Trinity for Pastor Whitecross' Induction Service.

Refreshments will be served as we begin a new chapter in the life of our church; we hope you will join us in the sanctuary.

Please note: there will be no Sunday School for the children on January 1 or January 8. Sunday School will resume on January 15.

A NOTE OF THANKS



We are very grateful to the Trinity family for all the love and concern shown to us and also for welcoming Stephen into the Trinity family. We lack words to express how grateful we are; we feel blessed belonging to Trinity. Please, thank the whole church on our behalf for the gifts, prayers, and good wishes they sent to us. We are blessed having Stephen but more blessed being a part of Trinity.

May God bless everyone at Trinity and keep us strong and united in faith. Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

With love,
Amos, Phalone and Stephen

YEAR END ANNOUNCEMENTS

Receipts for Reimbursement: Please submit all receipts for 2022, as per the finance policies, by **12 Noon on January 8, 2023**. You will need to fill out the reimbursement form fully (name, signature, receipts, etc.), get the appropriate approval signatures (scanning & e-mailing them to the appropriate person and then having them print, sign, scan & send it back to you is allowed) and have a copy of a cheque to your account (if not previously done).



Scan all documents and send to Deb. Payment will be deposited directly to your account. If you have submitted something and have not been reimbursed yet, please contact Deb.

Offering Envelopes: The **2023 Offering Envelopes** will be available for pickup for two Sundays in January, yet to be determined. If you have questions about envelope usage, please contact Brent Robinson.

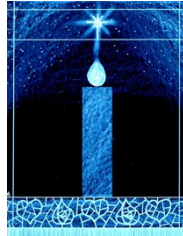


2022 Annual Reports: As 2022 draws to a close and 2023 is about to begin, we pause to look back on the year that has been. Part of this process is through our Annual General Meeting. A date for Trinity's Annual General Meeting has not yet been determined, but details (once available) will be communicated in the new year.

In preparation for that meeting, we will be preparing an annual reports package for the congregation. Committee reports and other submissions for the 2022 Annual Report need to be submitted by Sunday, January 15, 2023. Submissions can be sent to Marg Connelly and/or to Jennifer at the Church Office (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com).

BEYOND TRINITY

Blue Christmas Service: Christmas is a time of celebration and joy for most. We embrace baking, singing carols, invitations, family, and friends. However, for some, loss of employment, a change in their housing situation, loneliness, addiction or mental illness, or the passing of a friend or family member fills the season with pain.



Kanata United Church is holding a Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM. For more info contact KUC office (613-592-5834; office@kuc.ca).

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Donations can be made via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Offerings can be dropped off at the church when Marilyn O'Brien is selling grocery cards, and they will be counted by Marilyn O'Brien and Terry Bishop. ***For the month of December, that will be tomorrow – Thursday, December 22 – from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm.***

Please do ***not*** send cheques to the church by mail at the present time. The mailbox at the road is not very secure and we are unable to check it on a daily basis. If you choose to mail a cheque, please send it to Bob & Margaret Connelly's home address.

TRINITY'S UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS – JUNE 19, 2022

Beginning on June 19, 2022, Trinity's Session has approved the following:

COVID Protocols Lifted

Masks are welcome, but not mandatory.

Proof of **vaccination** is no longer required.

For those who are **uncomfortable or unable** to attend church in person, the service will continue to be on Zoom.

If you are unwell, please stay home and join us on Zoom.

Coffee and a time of fellowship will be available after the service.



Our services are recorded and made available on Trinity's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3u7717U>. (Older services remain accessible from Trinity's website.)