



Trinity Presbyterian Church
Weekly Newsletter
December 13, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sermon – “Born in a Barn” (Pastor Dave Whitecross)

Scripture – [Luke 2:1-20](#)



Please join us for worship on Sunday as we continue to reflect on the season of Advent. This week, we will light the candle of *joy*.

On Sunday morning, Trinity’s choir will present “*Let the Stable Still Astonish*”. The choir will be under the direction of David Chin and accompanied by Kunhwa Im.

Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Rev. Dave Whitecross (davewhitecross@hotmail.com; 519-843-1505)

Minister of Music: David Chin (david.h.chin@icloud.com)

Office Administrator: Jennifer Driediger
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Dave’s regular office hours will be 9 AM – 12 Noon, Tuesday to Friday.
Jennifer will be in the church office from 9 AM – 3 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Trinity’s sanctuary is open for in-person worship. Our service continues to be available virtually for those who are unable or uncomfortable to attend in person. Our services will be available via YouTube (and no longer via Zoom). Go to <https://bit.ly/3u7717U> to join Sunday’s service at 10 AM (and also to access past services).

TRINITY’S CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 am Walking Group (499 Terry Fox Drive, Kanata)

Thursday, December 14

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, December 17

10:00 am Worship Service (Choir Cantata)

11:00 am Christmas Centerpiece Pickup at the church

12:00 pm Angel Tree gifts due at the church

11:59 pm Grocery Card Orders due to Wayne Levere

Monday, December 18

6:30 pm Trinity Hilltop Ringers Practice

Thursday, December 21

1:30 pm Grocery Card Pickup at the church

Sunday, December 24

10:00 am Christmas Eve worship service

8:00 pm “Carols & Candlelight” Christmas Eve Service

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION



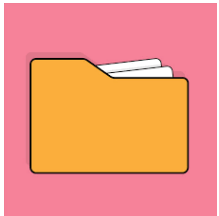
Christmas centerpieces that were ordered during the Holly Berry Bazaar can be picked up at the church this Sunday, December 17 between 11 AM and 1 PM.

Grocery Card Reminder: Cards for Loblaws, Metro, Sobeys, Farm Boy, and Food Basics can be ordered by contacting Wayne Levere by the end of the day on Sunday, December 17. Cards can be picked up at the church on Thursday, December 21 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. (Note the earlier time!) Grocery cards make great Christmas gifts!



Need Equator coffee? Orders are due to Steve Gillett by 7:00 pm tomorrow – Thursday, December 14. And *yes*– delivery will be in time for Christmas. Make your list ... and check it twice to avoid disappointment!!

Christmas holidays will soon be here ... and Jennifer's last day in the office this year will be on Thursday, December 21. She will return to the office on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. If you have announcements for the newsletter, please submit those to Jennifer (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com) by 12 Noon on Monday, December 18.



When was the last time you checked your family folder?! Family folders are like church mailboxes. Sometimes, you'll find a receipt in your folder; other times, perhaps a card from a caring friend. If you do not have a family folder, please contact Jennifer in the office and she will be happy to make one for you! Be sure to check it often 😊

Saturday, January 20, 2024
7 PM – 9 PM

Bring along a favourite game or deck of cards and pair up with each other for a fun evening. Bring along your own snacks and cold drinks as well. Please sign up in the sign up book if interested.



DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Collection plates are passed during the Sunday morning worship service, although many may still prefer to make their donations via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

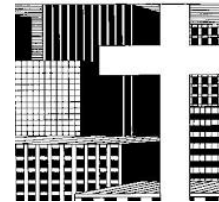
Offerings can still be dropped off at the church when grocery cards are being sold. The next grocery card day will be Thursday, December 21 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

TRINITY MISSION ACTIVITIES



We are pleased to be participating in the Angel Tree initiative for residents of Forest Hill again this year.

REMINDER: Gifts should be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, December 17!



We will collect items for Urban Christian Outreach for the next three weeks – men's and women's winter clothing (boots, hats, coats, gloves, etc.), grocery cards, Tim Hortons gift cards, and A&W gift cards. Please bring your contributions to the church by December 17.

BEYOND TRINITY



Saturday, December 16 at 3 PM

Glen Cairn United Church (140 Abbeyhill Drive)

Admission is free; \$10 donation in cash or food items suggested.

This event is sponsored by the Kanata Choral Society and will feature the Goulbourn Male Chorus, Glen Cairn United Church Choir, and the Kanata United Church Choir.

Help support local food banks!

Winter Wonderland Concert

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Featuring highlights from White Christmas, Operatic favourites and other holiday classics! Join Morgan Strickland, Katarzyna Sadej, Corey Arnold, Jean-Sebastien Kennedy, and Nadia Boucher for a magical, musical evening. Tickets available at the door (cash only).

YEAR END ANNOUNCEMENTS

Receipts for Reimbursement:

Please submit all receipts for 2023, as per the finance policies, by 12 Noon on January 14, 2024.

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 trinitychurchkanatapayables@gmail.com. Payment will be deposited directly to your account. If you have submitted something and have not been reimbursed yet, please contact Deb (trinitychurchkanatapayables@gmail.com).

Offering Envelopes: Due to rising costs and declining usage, Trinity has decided to discontinue purchasing the boxes of numbered envelopes. However, if envelopes are your preferred method of giving, please continue to do so. We will also continue to give out envelope boxes to anyone who wants to start using them. You can get one by contacting Brent Robinson. We have a large stockpile of unused boxes so we should be able to keep people supplied for at least the next 10 years, probably much longer, so feel free to continue with your preferred method of giving, whether that be PAR, Interac Transfers, or Envelopes.

The last purchased (2024) envelopes will be available for pickup at the December 17 and January 7 services, weather permitting. Starting at the end of next year, we will use a different method for distributing them. While recording the offerings, Brent can track how many envelopes each person uses, so if it looks like you're about to run low, you will receive some more in your family folder. They will not be for the current year, but the date on the envelopes is not important, just the envelope number, which of course identifies who made the offering. It's easy for envelopes to go missing, so if you're concerned you might run out beforehand, just let Brent know and he will get you re-supplied.



A lot of you likely have leftover 2023 envelopes, or ones from earlier years. Please feel free to use them as well, and that'll stretch out our supply even further.

These changes apply to the numbered envelopes only, and do not affect the visitor envelopes, which are in the backs of the seats each service.



2023 Annual Reports: As 2023 draws to a close and 2024 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 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 2023 Annual Report need to be submitted by Sunday, January 14, 2024. Submissions can be sent to Marg Connelly and/or to Jennifer at the Church Office (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com).