



**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**December 20, 2023**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — DECEMBER 24, 2023**

Sermon – “Keeping the Christmas Story Straight”  
(Pastor Dave Whitecross)

Scripture – [Luke 2:1-20](#); [Matthew 2:1-12](#)



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 **love**.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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

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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).

**Did you order grocery cards this month?**



Wayne will be at the church tomorrow – **Thursday, December 21** – for the sale/pickup of the cards between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

**TRINITY'S CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, December 20**

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

**Thursday, December 21**

1:00 pm Grocery Card Pickup at the church

6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, December 24**

10:00 am Worship Service

(No Sunday School this week)

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

**Monday, December 25**

*Merry Christmas -- no worship service at Trinity*

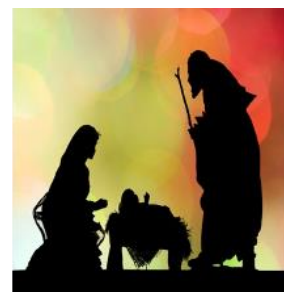
**Sunday, December 31**

10:00 am Worship Service



We would like to extend warmest wishes to Bruce & Cynthia Weir on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 22! Congratulations!

**OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION**



*Carols & Candlelight*

**Christmas Eve service**

**Sunday December 24**  
**at 8:00 pm**

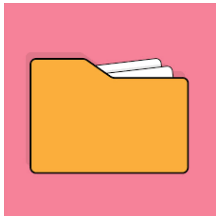
Pastor Dave will lead the Christmas Eve service and we look forward to musical guests Matt Chin and Morgan Strickland.

As we listen to the Christmas story told through Scripture and song, may we prepare our hearts to welcome God's most wonderful gift to us in His son, the baby Jesus.



**Christmas Holidays & Contact Information:**

The Church Office will be closed at the end of the day on December 21. Jennifer will be returning to work on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Office email and voicemail may be checked periodically by volunteers.



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 27, 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 tomorrow – Thursday, December 21 – from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.**

**TRINITY MISSION ACTIVITIES**

Sincere thanks for your generosity during the month of December! Our **Angel Tree gifts for Forest Hill** helped to brighten the holidays for the residents there, and your kind contributions to **Urban Christian Outreach** have provided much needed items for those in need this Christmas.



Volunteers needed to serve at “In From the Cold” Saturday, January 20, 2024 (3:00 pm – 5:30 pm) Parkdale United Church (429 Parkdale Avenue) Sign up in the Sign Up Binder if you can help.

**BEYOND TRINITY**

*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

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:trinitychurchkanatapayables@gmail.com)).



**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](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@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 January 7 service, 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.