



# Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

December 11, 2024

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – DECEMBER 15, 2024



Sermon – “Joseph’s Story”  
(Pastor Dave Whitecross)

Scripture – [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Trinity’s choir will be presenting excerpts from “*Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah*” during Sunday’s worship service. We are excited to welcome Dr. Kunhwa Im back to Trinity; she will be accompanying the choir and will also be playing the postlude.



For the next two Sundays – December 15 and December 22 – you’re invited to arrive a few minutes early. We will be singing some favourite Christmas carols to open the service, beginning at 9:55 AM.

### Trinity Presbyterian Church

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

**Minister of Music:** David Chin ([david.h.chin@icloud.com](mailto:david.h.chin@icloud.com))

**Office Administrator:** Jennifer Driediger  
([info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com); 613-836-1429)

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.



Christmas holidays will soon be here ... and Jennifer’s last day in the office this year will be on Thursday, December 19. She will return to the office on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

If you have announcements for the newsletter, please submit those to Jennifer ([info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com)) by 12 Noon on Monday, December 16.

## TRINITY’S CALENDAR

### Wednesday, December 11

10:00 am Walking Group

7:15 pm Bible Study (Nursery)

### Thursday, December 12

6:30 pm Choir Practice

8:00 pm FundScrip orders due to Deb Hickey

### Sunday, December 15

10:00 am Worship Service & Choir Cantata

11:59 pm Grocery card orders due to Wayne Levere

### Thursday, December 19

1:00 pm Grocery card pickup at the church



Please invite your family, friends, and neighbours to come and enjoy our Christmas Eve services at Trinity!

Tuesday, December 24

The Family service begins at 4 pm.

The Carols & Candlelight service begins at 8 pm.

## OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION



Grocery card orders are due by Sunday, December 15 to Wayne Levere. Cards will be available on Thursday, December 19 (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm).

Payment can be made by cheque (to Trinity Presbyterian Church) or by eTransfer (to [info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com)).



For all pastoral care needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to:

Pastor Dave Whitecross (519-843-1505; [davewhitecross@hotmail.com](mailto:davewhitecross@hotmail.com)),  
Mattie Montgomery, or Muriel Laughton.

If you would appreciate home cooked meals during an illness or a ride to an appointment, please reach out to Sheila Brady.

If you would like prayers said for you, your family, or a friend, please reach out to our Prayer Team coordinator, Jean Gallant.

Our worship services continue to be available virtually (via YouTube) for those who are unable or uncomfortable to attend in person. To join Sunday's service at 10 AM (and also to access past services), go to <https://bit.ly/3u7717U>.

## TRINITY MISSION ACTIVITIES



Angel Tree gifts for the residents of Forest Hill are due back to the church by Sunday, December 15! The pile of gifts is growing ... thanks to all who are helping to brighten the spirits of our friends at Forest Hill! And thanks to the Mission Committee for coordinating this outreach opportunity!

Volunteers needed to serve at "In From the Cold"  
Saturday, January 11, 2025 (3:00 pm – 5:30 pm)  
Parkdale United Church (429 Parkdale Avenue)  
Sign up in the Sign Up Binder if you can help.



## 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 (sent to [info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com)), credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

### TRINITY FINANCIAL REPORT

as of October 31, 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Offerings*	\$ 185,140	\$ 203,734
Presbyterians sharing (PS)**	\$ 17,903	\$ 13,000
Rental	\$ 32,373	\$ 30,000
Other***	\$ 14,901	\$ 14,667
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	\$ 250,317	\$ 261,401
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	\$ 252,225	\$ 261,401
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	<b>-\$ 1,908</b>	\$ -

**OVERVIEW: We have a deficit of \$1,908 as of October 31**  
**Please consider reallocating future givings for**  
**Presbyterians Sharing to Local Ministry**  
**(Operations budget) to ensure we do not have a deficit**  
**at year end**

\***Offerings:** Both offerings and expenses are below budget leaving a deficit of \$1,908

\*\***Presbyterians Sharing:** is \$2,303 above the \$15,600 committed in the budget for the year

\*\*\***Other:** includes fund raising, missions other than PS, interest, & designated givings

## BEYOND TRINITY

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Looking to buy gift cards for anyone on your Christmas list? We are running the Fundscrip program again this year.

If you want to give gift cards to family or friends, ordering them through Trinity's Fundscrip account is the best way to do it. There are over 200 retailers available for Ontario and Trinity will earn between 2% - 10%, depending on the retailer. You lose nothing – you buy gift cards at face value and you get face value when you redeem them. Trinity gets a certain percentage back from each retailer.

Two orders will be placed this year, with the final one due December 12, 2024 at 8 pm. Order form (see attachment to weekly email) can be handed to Deb Hickey at church or email your order to her. Payment can be made by eTransfer to [info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com](mailto:info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com) or by cheque payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church. **Grocery cards should continue to be ordered through Marilyn O'Brien.**

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### *Sounds of the Season Concert*

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Friday, December 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Featuring highlights from Handel's Messiah, White Christmas & other silver screen favourites, as well as traditional favourites of the season! Join Morgan Strickland, Tessa Facklemann, Corey Arnold, Jean-Sébastien Kennedy, and Nadia Boucher for a magical, musical evening. Tickets available at the door for \$35 (cash only) or purchase online for \$30 (<https://buy.stripe.com/3csdRWd69djW07e000>).

## YEAR END ANNOUNCEMENTS

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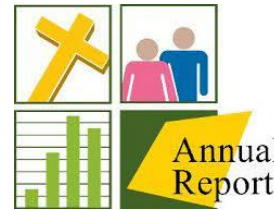
**Offering Envelopes:** Due to rising costs and declining usage, Trinity has discontinued purchasing new boxes of numbered envelopes. We have a healthy stockpile of unused boxes, so feel free to continue with your preferred method of giving, whether that be PAR, Interac eTransfers, or envelopes. To arrange for envelopes for 2025, or to arrange to begin PAR contributions, please contact Trinity's Envelope Secretary, Brent Robinson.

### **Receipts for Reimbursement:**

Please submit all receipts for 2024, as per the finance policies, by 12 Noon on January 12, 2025.

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), or leave paperwork in the Bookkeeper folder in the office. 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)).



**2024 Annual Reports:** As we prepare to usher in the new year, it's often helpful to pause to look back on the year that has passed. Part of this process is through our Annual General Meeting. **Trinity's Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday, March 2, 2025.**

In preparation for that meeting, we will be preparing an annual reports package for the congregation. Committee reports and other submissions for the 2024 Annual Report need to be submitted by Wednesday, January 15, 2025. 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)).