MINISTER'S MESSAGE – REV. DR. KENDRA MITCHELL-FOSTER

Blessings of Advent and Christmas to you and your loved ones. As we wait again to celebrate the birth of Christ, we are called into a time of discernment: How will we spend the time that we are waiting? Will we wait in silence? What are we waiting for, and how will we prepare ourselves for its coming?

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year, and fittingly, in this season we are called to pay attention, to notice, to contemplate and to prepare. It is a time of introspection and connection, cultivating practices that will let us acknowledge and heed the still small voice of the spirit within. Each of us is born to a life of meaning, and we may find we are drawn from the path by distraction, by the needs of others, by culture or convention, by exhaustion or by lack of support. This advent, let one of your guides for contemplation and discernment be: "What is God doing in my life now? What does this prepare me for?" God is always at work within us, and the Holy Spirit is always nudging us toward connection, community, authenticity, and care. The practice of opening your heart to the still small voice of God within, needs to be accompanied by a practice of opening your mind as well; allowing yourself to truly heed what the Spirit is speaking into your heart, and to know that there is more hope, more possibility than you might first realize.

At the close of 2026, we can look back on a year of change (in the way we do things), and a year of staying true to the path (and to who we are together as Trinity United). Looking ahead we find new ideas and possibilities opening for us. Let us embrace within ourselves and within one another, new ways of being true to our path, and let us celebrate the courage it takes to really live into mystery. We are brave, and we have one another. We are present, and we know we live in God's world, and we are not alone.



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OFFICIAL BOARD — JENNIFER COLE

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has come together and continued to build our church community. There were many gaps that were discovered and filled over the year, that will help pave the way forward and will make Reverend Alam's arrival in Prince George much smoother. Merry Christmas to everyone and all the best in the new year!

Jennifer Cole

TUC Board Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE—CLAIR MEGER

On behalf of the Finance committee, we would like to wish the congregation a Merry Christmas season and to thank you for your generous support this year.

As of October 31st, we have received $153,800 in general offerings (approx. $10,900 lower than budget) and we received $16,942 in M&S contributions (approx. $1,400 lower than budget).

M & P COMMITTEE—KEITH TAITE

This advent season the M&P committee wishes all of our staff a Merry Christmas and a thank you for all the work you put into our Ministry throughout the year.

During Christmas the office will be closed beginning Dec 25th and will re-open Jan 5th.

The committee would also like to send best wishes to the congregation for this holiday season.

Last but not least, I personally would like to express my gratitude to my fellow Committee members for all the support and effort they provide to the staff and our committee. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kindest Regards, Keith Taite (Chair)

Committee Members:

Vicki Brown

Shannon Carson

Allan Reed

Heather Neumann

KNOX UPDATE – GABRIELE SLATER

Hello everyone, it has been a New York minute since we last caught up. We have been non-stop busy at Trinity Downtown, since the start of the season we have had all our usual user groups come back and they all have very busy calendars. We started with a Coldsnap presentation which saw Dan Mangan take the stage in September to a sold-out crowd. Next, we hosted Water Words a lovely performance and the first in the Knox Presents Calendar for the 2026-27 Season, on Oct 6th. This one was not as well attended as we had hoped, but it was an afternoon performance and that alone would have limited attendance, but the show was fabulous and those that made it all were mesmerised by this show that combined music, puppetry and friendship. We hosted our first Metal Fest, a two-day Heavy Metal Show, it was successful albeit a very different genre that came with a gruelling schedule. Nove Voce had their Broadway and Booze event in October also a complete success. Fever's Candlelight Concert Series began again with "The Beatles and Queen", Big ENUFF Big Band has had their first show on Nov 6th, and Coldsnap presented Blue Moon Marquee to a packed house.

Coming up we have Nove Voce "The Grinch" Nov 28th we have another Candlelight Concert December 18th as well as CaneFire a Latin Jazz Group coming on March 12th this will be the second event on the Knox Presents Calendar.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful group of people I have the pleasure of working with at Trinity Downtown, and that help make all the things we do there a success. It could not be accomplished without the hard work that Katherine Benny, Connor Pritchard, Karmen Slater and the tireless and multi-talented Gary Dean, put in. They all put in countless time and energy into the building, and events. If you see any of them, please let them know that we all (here at Trinity) appreciate what they do and are grateful for their efforts. I want to say thank you to them and tell them I could not have a better team behind me. Thank you all, and I hope the Advent Season brings you all comfort and allows you to have time with family and friends and let's us all reflect on life.

This space has the incredible ability to bring people together. During these dark and chilly months that lie ahead, having so much to look forward to and the ability to connect is truly a marvelous thing. We are so fortunate to be able to provide this to our community.

Happy Christmas to you all, and I look forward to a wonderful and exciting 2027.

Respectfully submitted

Gabriele Slater





WORSHIP COMMITTEE

TRINITY WORSHIP TEAM NEEDS YOU!

What are you doing on Sundays this winter, 2027? Why not be a Worship Leader or a Worship Assistant?! We need you! As the team writes this, we have exactly ZERO spots filled for January, February and March 2027. So, probably the usual suspects will volunteer. And thank God for that. But what about you? Maybe you're a bit bashful? Maybe you think you have nothing to say? Maybe you have nothing to wear?

As you know, our church has an 'Open Table' for Communion. That means all are welcome, just as you are! Well guest what? If you're reading this, you now have an 'Open Invitation' to be a Worship Leader or Worship Assistant for a Sunday in Winter, 2027!

Now that we have you convinced to step forward, please connect with Kathleen at kathleenmaryrowlands@gmail.com for Worship Leading and Janet at janetthwaites@gmail.com for Worship Assisting. Also, if you see Beth Quesnel around, you can talk to her about volunteering too.

Before signing off, the team would like to thank all those who stepped forward in the fall. And it sends an extra special thank you to those who took on a worship role for the very first time.

Merry Christmas!

From The Worship Team

TRINITY KIDS—C.J. KLITCH

Winter is coming!

Advent brings us closer and closer to Christmas and the birth of our Saviour.

This Advent we are continuing to learn about the people behind the Nativity Story. This theme was decided by the children when planning the pageant and has been enlightening as we have all learned together. We will be rehearsing and practicing what we've learned until the pageant on the 20th of December.

Unfortunately, we are behind schedule in this as I have been ill and unable to deliver the Trinity Kids lessons. If you are willing to help out as a Trinity Kids Leader, either regularly or as a backup in case of illness, please email me and we can start getting your criminal record check done. The job is fun and easy as the lesson is prepared and ready to go each week and the conversations with the children can be engaging and meaningful!

CJ – Trinity Kids Coordinator trinitykids@trinitypg.ca

The Outreach Team wishes to thank the following businesses or groups for their generous donations to our Shoebox Gift project.

The Shoe Company in Pine Centre Mall collected more than 75 empty shoeboxes for our work-bee. The Prestige Treasure Cove Casino and Hotel donated 96 packs of playing cards and soap and lotion. Westwood Church donated 50 men's deodorants for the Shoebox Gifts.



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." —Luke 2:14

CHOIR—ERICA SKOWRON

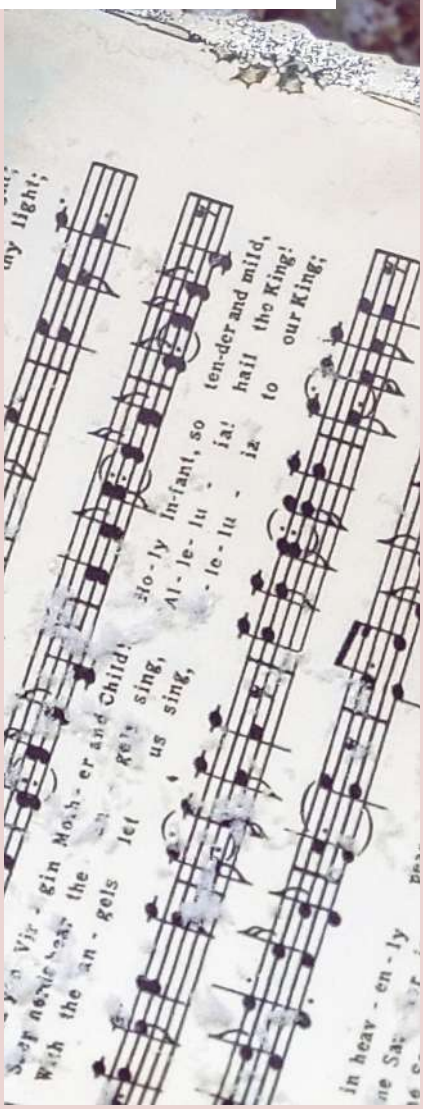
On December 13, the choir will present our annual Advent/Christmas Cantata at 10 am as part of our regular Sunday service. This year we will be presenting "Night of Wonder by Joseph M. Martin. Our narrator is Em Cawsey.

The Choir has been working on this presentation since September. We hope that you will join us On December 13.

There will be no choir rehearsal on December 30. We will start up again on January 6.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Erica Skowron, Choir Director





OUTREACH COMMITTEE—VICKIE BROWN AND JUDY ADDIE

As Advent and the holiday season approach, we think of members of the Prince George community who face challenges with food and housing. Thank you for your donations which will make this difficult time a little brighter.

We continue to serve a soup and sandwich bag lunch at St. Vincent's on the second Sunday of the month. We usually have about 100 guests. We also have other items to give to those in need. Toques, socks, gloves, tissues, and handwarmers are always appreciated during the winter months. Thank you to the shoppers, the sandwich makers, the soup chef, Gladys, and the servers at St. Vincent's.

The Outreach Team has been busy collecting socks and gloves in our annual " Drop the Gloves and Sock it To Me" event. Members of the church community have donated more than 200 items which will be included in Shoebox gifts for the guests at St. Vincent's. Socks and other items will be given to Harmony House and A.C.E. to be included in the gift bags that staff will make up.

We also collected children's socks and 28 children at Harmony House will receive a gift bag with new socks from Outreach and a new hat or toque from Fellowship.

Our big event in the Advent season is making up and giving out Shoebox Gifts to the guests at St. Vincent's. Everyone who comes to Soup Kitchen on Dec. 13 will receive a gift which contains a toque, gloves, socks, and toiletries. Other items such as a notebook and pen, playing cards, a puzzle book, hot chocolate, and, of course, candies are also included. Members of the congregation usually make gifts for males, the choir looks after females, and we have some gender neutral gifts too. Please wrap your shoebox and indicate whether it is for a male or female. Bring it to the church by December 6.

Thank you to everyone who brought their leftover Hallowe'en candy and chips to the church on November 1. Guests at St. Vincent's and at A.C.E. received a few treats in early November.

Another part of Outreach involves collecting non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies for the Pantry at A.C.E., the Activity Centre for Empowerment. Some extra goodies and store bought treats will help brighten the holiday season for the clients at A.C.E. Please bring your donations to the church on the first Sunday of the month.

The Outreach Team sends blessings to you and hopes that you have a healthy new year. Thank you for your generosity in 2026.

Judy Addie and Vickie Brown

Outreach Team





FELLOWSHIP TEAM—CATHIE REID

It is hard to believe that Advent is already here. 2026 has flown by.

The Fellowship Team is busy with its Fall activities. Our October muffin sale raised $262.65, and the Hats for Kids sale was also very successful. The hats were made by Dee Neukomm, Karen Smith, and Lorna Brown. We sold 30 bags of hats for $20.00 each. Judy Addie delivered 25 bags to our partner schools, and 5 bags went to Harmony House. We thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts.

Our next fundraiser is the Silent Auction on November 29th following Worship. There will be cinnamon buns available by donation. There will be such items as home baking, crafts, games, etc. available to bid on. It is a good way to do your Christmas shopping. Items can be dropped off at the church when the office is open. We will also be having two work bees in preparation for the Auction. The first one is in the kitchen at the church on November 25th at 9:30 am and the second one is on November 28th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is a good opportunity to come and meet the ladies of the Fellowship Team.

Our December fundraiser is the annual Christmas Cookie sale on December 13th, following the Choir Cantata. We will be packaging cookies in the kitchen at the church on December 12th at 9:30 am.

Debbie Keith cut out some beautiful Christmas material which Lorna Brown and Dee Neukomm have made into Christmas Gift Bags for Seniors. The bags can be filled with such items as a non-breakable Christmas item, nice treat, warm socks, playing cards, crossword puzzle, hand cream, lip balm, greeting card etc. Please return the bags to the church by December 6th. The bags will be delivered to Simon Fraser Lodge, Laurier Manor, and the hospital.

Linda Schmidt continues to send cards to those who need of a little extra support.

We also continue to serve refreshments after Worship on Sunday mornings and assist with serving at Memorial Services when needed.

On behalf of the Fellowship Team, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cathie Reid

(Chair, Fellowship Team)





MEMBERS OF THE HEALING PATHWAYS TEAM



UPCOMING EVENTS





Christmas for Seniors

Please return the bags by **Dec. 6th** so that we can ensure they get to the seniors in time.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Adult toques and mitts, combs, notepads, pens, playing cards, lip balm, scarves, puzzles, cards, gift certificates, socks, etc

Deadline: Dec. 6th

*Please no alcohol based mouthwash, aftershave or cologne!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Join us for worship and the annual Christmas Cantata Dec. 13th with the Adult Choir. Want to join the choir for the Canata? Contact the main office for more information.

Christmas Cookies

Get your Christmas cookies after worship
December 13th | by donation













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