

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

December 9, 2018 – Advent 2

Snowflake Tree & White Gift Sunday

A warm welcome...to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. We hope you will find yourselves >at home' among us. Please sign our guest register in the Narthex.

Infant care... is available in the Nursery. The ushers will be happy show you its location. Nursing Moms are welcome in the Nursery.

Trinity Kids ...is available for children. Everyone joins in the first part of worship and then the children leave after the Time for All Ages.

Hearing Assistance... portable devices are available at the sound console at the back of the church.

*Congregation to stand as able.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

We Prepare for Worship: A Moment of Silence

***Processional Hymn VU 60** *O Come, All Ye Faithful, verses 1-3*

***Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 4)

ONE: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

ALL: **God will make a way through the wilderness.**

ONE: The Spirit is at work; God is preparing to do a new thing.

ALL: **Let us worship our God, who is coming into our world in a new way.**

Gathering Prayer

O Love Divine, everything seems to speed up in this busy season, except our ability to keep up. Come close that we may feel your calming presence. Remind us what we are hurrying toward is somehow already here! Quiet our fretfulness for a few moments that we may feel cradled in the peace we seek. Cover us with your transforming love. May peace fill our thoughts, words and actions. This we pray in the name of the One who was called the Peace of Peace.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Time for All Ages

Lighting the Second Advent Candle – Candle of Peace

Chorus: MV 90 *Don't Be Afraid*

ONE: It takes courage to be brave.

TWO: Don't be afraid, an angel tells us:

ONE: To reach out to the unreachable

To receive unexpected messengers

To make peace with the special role we play in Christ's story.

(The Candle is Lit.)

TWO: Don't be afraid to be brave,

ALL: As we prepare for Christ's arrival.

Chorus: MV 90 *Don't Be Afraid*

ALL: Holy One

May your peace...encircle me.

May your peace...grow within me.

May your peace...reach beyond me.

AMEN

(The children may go to Trinity Kids.)

Welcoming of New Members by Transfer

Introduction

Presentation:

I present **Larry and Anita Rabideau** who seek to transfer their membership from Thamesville United Church into the congregation of Trinity United Church.

ONE: Larry and Anita, will you join with us in this congregation as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, God being my helper.

*** ALL: As your brothers and sisters in this community of faith, we welcome you. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us and we pledge to you our friendship and support. With God's help, together we will live out the mission and ministry of Christ's Church.**

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

The Life and Work of the Church

Anthem

Scripture: Luke 1: 26 - 38

***Hymn VU 7** *Hope is a Star*

Advent Series

Don't Be Afraid

Cheryl Kirk

Part 1: Believing Despite Fear

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

Offertory Music

***Presented in Song** (Tune: *Good King Wenceslas*)

Here our gifts we offer, God, thankful for your blessings.

*Take them, Spirit, and use them to spread the joyful message
that Christ comes to bring new life for all creation.*

May our gifts go forth today bringing hope and blessing.

***Prayer of Dedication** (including gifts given by PAR, White Gifts,
and Snowflake Gifts)

Prayers of the People (VU 10) from Isaiah 40:3

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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*Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;
prepare the way of the Lord! Repeat*

Pastoral Prayer

WE GO OUT IN FAITHFUL LIVING

***Recessional Hymn VU 71** *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

*Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,
Live simply, don't carry much more than you need:
Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,
Stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.
Go singing, go bringing the gifts of the Spirit,
Go hopefully searching for things that are true:
In living, in loving, whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you in all that you do.*

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Postlude

Five Minute Mix ...Please use the first 5 minutes after Worship to speak to someone you don't know or don't know well. We only come to know each other as we take the time. Let's build our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 9, 2018

Thank you for all the **White Gifts and Snowflake Tree Gifts** brought in today. May your generosity bless you! And Thanks to the Mission & Outreach Committee who will organize it all and purchase any additional gifts that are needed to complete requests.

Thanks to all to **Worship & Sanctuary Committee** for all the effort they put into decorating the church and assisting with the Hanging of the Greens Service. Thanks to the team who spent extra hours sprucing up the lights on the Tree – Beautiful!

Thanks to all who attended the **Poinsettia Luncheon**, to those who prepared and served the lunch, to those who provided Baking and Crafts for the Sale. Another successful year!

Community Carol Service, December 11, 7 pm here at Trinity. Come and enjoy the music of local choirs and groups, and join in the singing of Christmas Carols. Sponsored by the Wallaceburg and District Ministerial Association.

Widow's Group Lunch , Wed. Dec. 12, 11:45 pm at Sue's Kitchen

Longest Night Service, Dec. 21, 7 pm. A quiet service of prayer, scripture, candle-lighting and music which provides a place for those who are experiencing a loss or problem or for those who are feeling overwhelmed by the busyness of the Season.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 7pm

Trinity Kids are doing a drama on Christmas Eve. If you would like to join in the fun, please let Sandra know. Please be available for practice on Dec. 24, 10:00am

Our youth are heading out carolling to Fairfield Park after the service

The **Interview Team** for a new minister is trained and ready for applicants. An Observer Ad will run January-February, and the vacancy is posted on the London Conference website <http://www.londonconference.ca/content/vacancies>. All applicants **must** apply through this website to allow for pre-screening. Help to spread the word.

Christmas Poinsettia Project – last day is today

Remember those you love this Christmas with a \$10 donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias to bless our Christmas worship. Names of those remembered will be printed in the bulletin. Small poinsettias will be delivered to shut-ins in December.

In Memory of: _____

Donor Name: _____ **Env. #:** _____

Need a gift idea? See the Gifts with Vision Book, an alternative Gift Catalogue, on the tables in the Narthex.

More **Volunteers** needed for Sunday sound and/or video projection. Training is available.

Thought for the Week

Christmas, my child, is love in action.
Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.
~ Dale Evans ~

Heavenly Humour

What do Snowmen like to do for the weekend??
Chill out!

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