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Blue CHRISTMAS

LOVE
GOD

GROW
TOGETHER

SERVE
OUR WORLD



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Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025

Blue Christmas Service
7:30pm

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALONE

This evening's service may bring to the surface in you a depth or intensity of feeling you hadn't anticipated or for which you feel ill-equipped to manage. You may feel you are bearing a burden of loss alone, the intensity of your pain may frighten you, or you may feel stuck in an echo chamber of loss with no exit. You could use some help but where can you turn?

Little Trinity has a robust pastoral care ministry - there is indeed somewhere to turn. We are here to walk with you in the difficult portions of life's journey. So if you or someone you know is struggling and are on a dark and difficult portion of the journey and you need support, *please* reach out. Do not try to do alone what God never intended you to do alone.

There are a number of ways to get in touch. The easiest way would be to email James Beck at pastoralcare@littletrinity.org or call 416-367-0272, ext 225 and leave a message. We are here to be with you.

May the God of all comfort be present in your life now and always.



PRELUDE

VIDEO - *Psalm 23*

(Video & Poem by L.. Haughton;
"In the Bleak Midwinter" (Rossetti) by M. Janzen)

WELCOME

James Beck, Lay Pastoral Associate

HYMN

MOURNING

Psalm 13:1-4

Reader: Sonya Lawley

- ¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over them,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

HYMN

SURRENDER

Matthew 11:28-30

Reader: Heather Medhurst

- ²⁸ [Jesus said:] Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

HYMN

PRAISE

Psalm 13:5-6

Reader: Sonya Lawley

- ⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the Lord
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

HYMN

HOPE

Psalm 23

Reader: Heather Medhurst

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

HYMN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SIT/KNEEL

During this time of silent prayer you are welcome to come forward, when and as you wish, to light a candle and to pray, especially for any situation of loss or grief. If you've brought a photograph with you, you're invited to place it on one of the stands around the table and leave it there for the duration of the worship service.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

STAND

COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT/KNEEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. (repeat)**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

*All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord,
are welcome to the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon
request from the communion administrant.*

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

SIT/KNEEL

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

STAND

THE DISMISSAL

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;

Blessed be the name of the LORD. (Job 1:20-21)



COMING UP

Advent 4 - Sun, Dec 21

9am & 10:45am - All Ages Worship & Communion Services
(with concurrent Children & Youth Ministries)

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Readings: Isaiah 30:1-2, 15-21; Matthew 1:18-25

4:30pm - Christmas Eve All Ages Service (with Pageant)

8:30pm - Christmas Eve Traditional Communion Service

10:45am - Christmas Day Traditional Communion Service

*The Advent / Christmas floral arrangements
are given to the glory of God by
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in loving memory of Ceci Heinrichs.
(Dec. 14, 1965 - May 15, 1975)
"...And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6*

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