
LITTLE TRINITY

SINCE 1842



Sunday, Dec 21, 2025

Worship & Communion Service
6:30pm

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We lit the second candle to pray for peace. We lit the third candle to pray for joy. We light the fourth candle to pray for love. Holy Father, we thank you for the love shown in sending your Son to redeem your world. We pray that the love of Christ may dwell in us and rule in all our hearts this Advent. We pray especially for all those who feel unloved, that they may know you, the well-spring of love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you showed us that God is love. Help us to live in love, so that we might live in God. Come close to us this Advent. Amen.

WORSHIP IN SONG

OPENING PRAYER

READINGS

Isaiah 30: 1-2, 15-21

¹ "Ah, stubborn children," declares the Lord,
"who carry out a plan, but not mine,
and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit,
that they may add sin to sin;
² who set out to go down to Egypt,
without asking for my direction,
to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh
and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt! [...]
¹⁵ For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,
"In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
But you were unwilling, ¹⁶ and you said,
"No! We will flee upon horses";
therefore you shall flee away;

and, "We will ride upon swift steeds";
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left

like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. ²⁰ And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹ ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

Do you believe and trust in the saving work of Jesus Christ?

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

In our offertory, we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of bread and wine to the glory of God. If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of Little Trinity, you can scan the QR code attached to a pew for options or visit our website at littletrinity.org/give.

If you wish to give in person, please deposit your offering in the offering boxes in the church sanctuary.

OFFERTORY WORSHIP

PRAYERS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

All: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom, and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;
And also with you.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

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

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught, we are bold to 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 de-
liver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Everlasting God, in faith you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: We thank you that in this bread and wine you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

COMING UP

4:30pm - Dec 24, Christmas Eve All Ages Service (with Pageant)

8:30pm - Dec 24, Christmas Eve Traditional Communion Service

10:45am - Dec 25, Christmas Day Traditional Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:1-17

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 28, 2025

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in Burundi

DIOCESE: Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath & Christ Church, Bolton

CLERICUS: Chaplain, Hospital for Sick Children

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Don Roadway & Mill Street

LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Children's Ministry - Director, Janelle Gordon, Assistant Director, Natalie Lundy, Level 2 CGS Catechist, Sarah Edwards

PARISH

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