

+Our Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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| <i>Service Times for December 5th – December 12th, 2021</i> | | |
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| Sunday, December 5th 2nd of Advent | Morning Prayer (BAS) Memorial Tree Lighting | 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 9th | Holy Communion (BAS) | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 12th 3rd of Advent | Holy Eucharist (BAS) | 10:30 a.m. |

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Reader: Terry Brown

Welcome Everyone. A special welcome to anyone who is visiting with us today. If you require a Hearing Assist Device, please ask the Greeters for one.

This Sunday is the Second of Advent. The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child

Security System. Because of the break-in last week, the Vestry has decided to invest in a security system for the church. The estimated cost is \$3000. Anyone wishing to contribute to this, please use envelopes marked **Security System** which are placed at the back of the church or if using your own envelope, put on it, **Security System**. **Please include your name and envelope number.**

Flowers for Christmas. Anyone wishing to place flowers in the church for Christmas in memory of loved ones can use the envelopes marked **Christmas Flower Donation** which are placed at the back of the church. Envelopes must be received by **December 12th** in order to be included in the Christmas Bulletin. **Please include your name, envelope number, and name of loved ones.**

Bible Study. Bible Study is on Mondays from **10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** in the Chapel. Please use the main entrance. December 13th will be the last Bible Study until after Christmas.

Senior Fitness. Holy Trinity Senior Fitness classes are on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

ACW News.

1. Ladies Social. The ladies of the congregation are invited to a Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 8th at **7:30 p.m.** In order to prepare enough for lunch, please call Danette Rowsell, 489-8829 by today, December 5th, if you will be attending. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

2. Christmas Tea. Afternoon tea has been postponed until the new year, possibly February 12th, more information will follow.

3. Calendars. Church calendars are \$5. Contact Karen Brown at 489-6490.

Christmas Eve Services: Based on the newest Government Covid-19 guidelines, the Christmas services, 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. can be at maximum capacity. However, masks are still required to be worn at all times during the services. Also, VaxPass or paper copy is required for admittance to the service. **If you are out-of-the-province, please bring a paper copy of your vaccination record.**

Random Acts Of Kindness 2021. This year's Advent project is to decorate a Christmas tree with Acts of Kindness. Advent leads us not only to the manger but to a new understanding of our relationship to the world and to one another as people of faith. Your random act of kindness creates hope and brings joy to others. As you share your act of kindness, maybe you would like to note a time when YOU were the recipient of a random act of kindness and share how this affected you and what you experienced at that time. Random acts of kindness inspire people each day – the one who is doing and the person who is receiving. These acts release positivity, we feel better, the recipients feel better, which then makes others more likely to be kind to other people. Make note of your ACT OF KINDNESS and place it in the box provided near our Christmas tree. Each week these “notes” will be collected, placed on Cardstock, and then, hung on the tree. **As we share in the lighting of the Advent wreath, representing the true meaning of Christmas: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE, we can share these Advent “messages” with others through your acts of kindness.**

Altar Guild Meeting. Altar Guild meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th at **7:00 p.m.** to discuss the decorating of the church for Christmas. COVID protocols will be followed as is needed.

Music Ministry. The Vestry of Holy Trinity church would like to announce that we are seeking out a leader for the music ministry here at your Church. People interested can contact the church to submit their résumé and for a job description. For any comments, questions, or concerns, please call the office at 489-3002, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon or Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Or email holytrinitysecretarygfw@gmail.com

Secretary Office Hours. Office hours this week, Wednesday and Friday, 9 – 12 noon. You can contact secretary at the following: 489-3002 or Email Address: holytrinitysecretarygfw@gmail.com

Greeters. Bob Hiscock, Claude Roberts, Martha Beson, Audrey Bishop, Sonia Cull

The Light of Peace

Few things have been more unsettling this past year than the discovery of 200 unmarked graves at a residential school in Kamloops, B.C. There have been subsequent discoveries and investigations continue. It is thought that most of the deaths were from tuberculosis. The Canadian Indian Residential School Program ran for 120 years, ending in 1997, and was designed to remove and isolate indigenous children from the influence of their own native culture, to forcefully assimilate them into Canadian culture. To say we are sorry for the part our church played in this seems woefully inadequate, however you will be pleased to know that for the past 25 years PWRDF has supported several initiatives to help Indigenous Canadians reclaim their culture and language, improve their health, provide clean water and assist in childbirth. This year we have launched the Indigenous Responsive Program, we will work with Indigenous partners in four areas identified as those of greatest need: safe water, youth engagement, community health and climate action. One of the goals in the PWRDF Strategic Plan 2019-2024 states, "to accompany and support First Nations, Metis and Inuit people on our mutual path of reconciliation." While we cannot undo the mistakes of the past, I hope it gives you a sense of peace to know that since 1996 PWRDF, with your support, has been on a path of truth and reconciliation.



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Prepare the way of the **LORD,**

make his paths
straight;...
and all flesh
shall see the
salvation of
God.

Luke 3.4-6

