Summerside Trinity United Church
"Making disciples for the sake of the world."

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Toward 2035

November 29th, 2026 **1st Sunday of Advent**

Celebrating Hope

APPROACHING GOD

Gathering Music:
Welcome
We acknowledge that the land upon which we gather is unceded Mi'kmaq territory. Epekwitk (Prince Edward Island) is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years; past, present and future.

Preparation for Worship:
Lighting the Advent Light (Lloyd Bruce, FSLDW Regional Minister) Wynn Turnbull & Lexi White to light)
Come gather in the light.
We gather this day as a people of God.
Come gather as a people of HOPE
We gather as ones who choose to pause.
We gather as ones who choose to hold space.
In the days that feel uncertain, in the nights that feel long, in the prayers that feel unanswered, and the quiet aches and longings, we carry in our hearts:
we hold space for hope, and for one another.
When hope feels fragile like a flickering wick, we resist the urge to rush toward certainty.
We hold space in holy waiting.

Introit: *"Something Stirs Beneath the Starlight"*

Gathering Prayer:
Our God, we come to share the start the Advent journey. We want to feel the anticipation, the waiting and the sacred shared space, as written about the Christmas Story. We will revisit with open minds and hearts as if we have not heard the story before. Guide us through this season as we Hope for a world changed by the light of that Star, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Hymn #7VU: *"Hope is a Star"*

Prayer of Confession: God, we come asking for the forgiveness of our sins. We have turned away from you, forgetting that without your love and guidance, we would not be the people we are today. We have abused your creation to the extent that now our atmosphere and weather are changing, guide us to find ways to live with respect for your creation. Give us Hope that we can be the people you want us to be.

Assurance of pardon:

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Spark Bible: Joseph helps his family (pgs 60-65) read by Wynn Turnbull & Lexi White
Time for All Ages: Nancy Small
Children's Hymn #10VU: *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-9
Modern Wisdom: Wild Geese, by Mary Oliver (Mark 13: 24-37) read by Rev. Bill
Hymn #83MV: *"Let My Spirit Always Sing"*
Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37
Sermon: "Expectant Waiting" Rev. Bill MacLeod

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music #57TLUS: *"We wait for God"*
Mission & Service Story: Bev McKay
Faithful Reminders: Nancy Small

Offertory prayer: (Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, On)

Offertory Hymn: *"Here our gifts we offer, God"*

Call to Prayer: #175MV: *"May We but Wait"*
Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer: said

Hymn #424VU: *"May the God of Hope Go With Us"*
Commissioning and Benediction Leader: God, in love and care, calls us to give the best we have. As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are. As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being. As we care, let our caring be genuine.
All: May the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do, this day and for ever. Amen.
Postlude Hymn #220MV: *"Hope Shines as the Solitary Star"*

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PARENTS! Please have the children here by 9:30am on December 6th to do a quick run through before the Christmas presentation during the service.

On November 25th, Rev Bill MacLeod led the funeral service for Charlene Campbell. Please keep Ellsworth and their family in your prayers.

WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY, WE THANK YOU

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On Our Website at Trinity Summerside.ca, E Transfer to
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November 22nd, 2026

Attendance:	115 Sunday Worship service (Jr Church)		
Contributions:	Envelopes	23	$4141.00
	Loose Givings		$87.00
	PAR Givers	86	$8,348.00 (monthly)
	E-transfers	15	$2292.00 (monthly)

Schedule for November 29 – December 6, 2026

Sunday	10:30am	Worship service (Hope) led by Rev Bill MacLeod, Junior Church
	11:45am	M&P team meeting - Boardroom
	2:30pm	Trinity Community Carol Sing - Sanctuary
Monday	6:30pm	Search team meeting – boardroom
Wednesday	8:00am	Women's Breakfast - Waterfront Café (Holland College)
	12:00pm	Rug hooking group – Auditorium
	1:45pm	Andrews service
	5:45pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Trinity Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday	8:30am	Men's Breakfast – Anson's in Slemon Park
	9:00am	Art Club – Auditorium
	10:00am	Trinity Café returns - Sanctuary
Friday	12:00pm	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Memorial Service - Sanctuary
Saturday	9:00am	Trinity Art Group – Auditorium
Sunday	10:30am	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship service (Peace) led by Rev Bill MacLeod, White gift & Mitten Tree, Junior Church Christmas presentation

TODAY! Community Carol Sing: Trinity hosts our Advent kick-off carol sing this afternoon at 2:30pm. Enjoy favorites from our Trinity choir and handbell choir with some guests! Who can you invite to come with you? Free will and food bank offerings gratefully accepted for Trinity ministries.

Light up Our Lives Christmas Tree Event: The light-up celebration will be Tuesday, December 1st at 6pm at Andrews of Summerside 317 Pope Road. The Faith in Action tree will be on display once more. The display stays up throughout December. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome and will be shared with the food banks here in Summerside.

Annual Memorial Service for the National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women: Trinity is pleased to host this special service on Friday, December 4th 12pm start time.

Volunteer Greeters are still needed! If you can volunteer for just a brief time on Sundays, please see Marg Arsenault or call the office at 902-436-3155.

Red Island Ensemble Christmas Concert: This is a group of young adults based out of Summerside PE, with a focus on the joy of ensemble music. Their much-anticipated Christmas concert will be held once more here at Trinity. Saturday, December 19th at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30 and admission is $15 per person.

Feed My Sheep Breakfasts: We have enough volunteers now for the breakfast on Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26th. (if you still wish to volunteer, please call Gary (G 902-888-3628)

Arioso presents "Season of Light" An Evening of Song and Story. Thursday, December 3rd, 6:30pm. Kensington United Church, admission is $15.00 or by donation. All welcome!

Summerside Community Choir: The SCC presents NOEL, A Christmas Celebration concert here at Trinity on Sunday, December 13th at 3pm. Tickets at the door or from choir members are $20, kids under 12 are free.

Poinsettia: The lovely poinsettia you see is donated by the UCW in memory of past UCW members.

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