



Happy New Year!

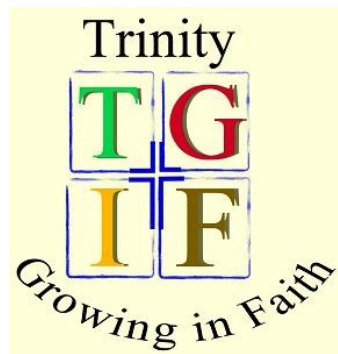
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Our Mission

*We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.*



Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all visitors and new comers who have come to join us as we pray and give thanks, praise and worship, and learn about the word of God here at Trinity.

Feel free to meet us downstairs in the auditorium after the service for coffee.



A PRAYER FOR 2010

Almighty God, as another year passes we thank you for your protection, comfort, and guidance which you have given us through its course. We thank you for your goodness in creating us, for your bounty which has sustained us, for your discipline which has corrected us, and for your patience which has borne with us. Above all we thank you for the gift of your incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, born at this time to be our Saviour.

As we begin a New Year, we pray for our families with whom we live day by day. In all that we do and say help us to build up faith and confidence in those we love.

We pray for the homes of this parish: that marriages will be strengthened and enriched; that children will grow up in an atmosphere of love; that those who are alone or who have been bereaved will draw strength and fellowship from our parish community; that all our relationships will be blessed by God, and that the love of Christ will shine in all our lives.

We pray for this parish family of Trinity Church. We pray that all who come here to worship will find it to be an extended family of brothers and sisters in Christ. May this be a community where all are accepted, and where all can discover the presence of God in their lives.

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. Give us the courage to meet this new year bravely, confident in our faith that, while people come and go and life changes around us, You are forever the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love.

All this we ask in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

-- Sunday January 3rd

The format of this morning's services is a little different than normal. As we begin a New Year with all its opportunities and challenges we want to journey forward with the Lord's blessing and protection, and we want to be sure that we are attuned to the Lord's still small voice. You will be invited to come forward to the Altar Rail (as you would for Communion) where the clergy and prayer team will bless you. If you are coming to the Rail as a family, please join your hands together on the Rail, so that we can bless you as a family. It will take us a little time to bless everyone this morning; please continue in prayer giving thanks for all the Lord's blessing and seeking the Lord's guidance and strength for the coming year.

** We are pleased to have the Sunday School children in church at 10:00 a.m. this morning for the family blessing.

NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION

“Blessed are the self-confident and self-reliant”. You will look in vain to find that verse in the Bible because it is not there. Jesus does say, “Blessed are the poor in spirit” and “Blessed are those who mourn” (Matt 5:3). In contrast to what Jesus says we would much prefer to be self-confident, self-reliant and self-assured. Those who don't exhibit these traits we view as being weak.

The radical message of the gospel is that we are dependent, more dependent than we realize. In writing to the seven churches in Revelation we read: *“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich, and white garments to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten; so be zealous and repent.”* (Rev. 3:17) These are difficult words to accept.

First of all we don't think that we are “rich” despite all the evidence to the contrary for anyone living in Canada. Secondly, we would never say “I need nothing” for we always have a mental list of stuff that we would like to have. Thirdly, we would never admit that we are “wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked”. But what do we need from God? That is not a front-of-mind list and is not what we focus on. Perhaps this passage is saying that we have been distracted by the stuff that glitters, but it has left us soul-poor in the things that have real value and meaning.

Perhaps the best first step in entering a new year (and a new decade) is to realize that we are dependent on the Lord and that we are desperately in need of the things of the Lord. We need the Lord's guidance, strength, peace, wisdom and perhaps most of all, the perspective of the Lord.

The lesson of the wisemen is that they recognized true worth. While many in Bethlehem thought nothing of this new born babe, the wisemen recognized the value and importance of this child. Their gifts were an expression of their assessment of worth.

This is a year to go deeper in prayer, deeper in the word of the Lord, deeper in obedience to the Lord, and more attentive to the voice of the Lord. This is a year to place value on what has real worth and to try to avoid being distracted by things that merely glitter.



Parish Info and Events

SUNDAY SCHOLL AND NURSERY - January 10th

Our regular Sunday morning Services are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. we offer a wonderful program for all ages of children. There is Nursery Care for youngsters aged 0 to 3 years. The Nursery is located beside the church offices, one level below the church. The children ages 4 to 10 meet in the auditorium for a full program of lessons, music and crafts. Our full Sunday School program will begin again next SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH. This is a wonderful way for the youngsters to begin the New Year; to make good friends, and to be established in the faith. For more information please speak to our co-ordinator Susan Snelling.

NEW PARENTS

There will be a meeting of all the parents of young children TODAY Sunday January 3rd right after the 10:00 a.m. Service in the Upper Room. It will be a chance to discuss our ministry with the young children and our support of new parents.

LEADERSHIP & TEAM BUILDING -- Sat. Jan. 16th

All of our parish leaders and small group leaders are reminded of the LEADERSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING will be doing on Saturday January 16th from 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 pm in the auditorium. Please RSVP to Mary Caldwell in the church office.

HOME GROUP PLANNING

All those interested in our Home Groups are invited to a planning meeting THIS TUESDAY January 5th at 7:15 pm in the upper room to plan our Home Groups and Courses for the winter.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

The next meeting of the management Board will be on Wednesday Jan 13th at 7:15 pm in the Upper Room. Our main task will be the final preparations for the Vestry meeting on January 31st.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

On Christmas Day we combined forces with Rosie to serve over 250 hot turkey dinners to those who are alone at Christmas or on the street. It was an amazing effort (and an equally amazing quantity of food). Our thanks to all those who made this outreach effort possible!

HOLY BAPTISM

Last Sunday at 10:00 a.m. we celebrated the Baptism of Samantha Wilson, a recent Alpha Course participant. We want to thank all those from the Alpha group who participated in the service and assisted with the reception:

- Norm Marrow - personal sermon comments about Samantha
- Bill Rising & Chris Deveaux - as sponsors and leading Intercessions
- Val Marrow - for the personalized cake
- Leslie Rising - for the beautiful stack of balloons and for the pictures

COMBATTING A.I.D.S. IN UGANDA

Doug Willoughby

Next Sunday, January 10th will be a mission Sunday and Doug Willoughby will be our guest preacher at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. The congregation of Trinity raised \$2300 at Thanksgiving for Doug's work in northern Uganda. The northern part of Uganda is particularly afflicted not just with AIDS but also the high price of food and the civil war which has displaced many civilians and driven them from their farms. Doug's work in Africa provides us with a specific, local and credible way to make a difference in a continent which has so many challenges that it is hard to know where to begin.

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