

November 9th, 2025 – 10:30 am
Remembrance Sunday
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP & REMEMBER

"We gather in remembrance and hope. We hold memory with reverence and compassion."

Prelude: *Come, Sweet Repose* by J. S. Bach, arr. by A. Schreiner

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Thomas McKechnie

As we assemble in this holy place, we recognize that for thousands of years this territory has been a sacred gathering place for many peoples of Turtle Island. We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of several Indigenous Nations and wish to pay special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit. The original nations continue to cry out for justice.

As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

Lighting of the Christ & Community Candles

We light the Christ Candle to remember that the light of Christ shines even in the darkest valleys, a light that war and sorrow cannot extinguish.

We light the Community Candle to honour all whose lives have been touched by conflict, those who served, who suffered, who never returned, and who continue to seek healing. *(Candle is lit)*

**As these flames glow before us,
may they kindle in us a commitment to peace,
a tenderness toward memory,
and a hope rooted in the God who brings life out of death.**

Words of Welcome

Hymn: VU524 *O Canada*

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

We Remember

Jim Lewis

Today, we enter a sacred moment of remembering.
 We remember not statistics or distant history,
 but lives, beloved, rooted, local, and connected to this very community of faith.
 We remember the men and women of Avenue Road Presbyterian, St. Paul's Methodist, Trinity Methodist,
 St. Paul's Avenue Road, and Trinity United Church whose service in times of war shaped this congregation's
 story.
 Some returned home carrying wounds seen and unseen.
 Some did not return, and their absence reshaped families, friends, and futures.
 As we call these names, and as music holds us,
 may we remember with humility, gratitude, and a renewed commitment
 to the work of peace in our time.

Those who served in the the First World War (1914-1918):

- **From Avenue Road Presbyterian Church:** 73 men and 3 women enlisted; 12 men and 1 woman died in service. They are: Bernal B. Brown; Charles H. David; Thomas S. Freebairn; John A. Gordon; David E. Haig; Herbert Mann; William McDonald; Mary Agnes McKenzie; William Proudfoot; David Rae; Adam Robertson; A. Wallace Scott; Roy Ward.
- **From St. Paul's Methodist Church:** 154 men and 1 woman served; 22 men died in service. They are: Samuel H. Allen, Clifford E. Armstrong, Frank Bradley, William H. Brennan, George W. Cripps, Lawrence F. Davis, J. Gibson Hudson, Edmond H. Jaynes, Harvey J. Jones, Ernest L. Leavens, Walter H. Moore, George B. Pearen, John Rogers, A. Jebb Speers, Howard G. Stapleford, Alfred I. Taylor, Ross. M. Taylor, Albert Whimsett, Howard A. White and Frank S. Wilton.
- **From Trinity Methodist Church:** 253 men and 5 women served; 28 died in service. They are: Thomas Atkinson; Ewart A. Blatchford; James C. Buttmer; Frederik W Clarke; Hubert S. Dowson; Harry G. Edmison; John Houston; Gordon B. Irving; Walter H. Jamieson; Eric F. Johnston; George Johnstone; Maurice Kennedy; Richard G. Kirby; Frederic H. Langston; Austin R. Lapp; George A McEwen; John C. Newcombe; John T. K. Newman; George H. Parrett; Roy Seaman; W. Albert Simons; Frank M. Spooner; William A. Sutterby; Merrill Taylor; John W. Tribble; William R. Vohmaan; Edward Webster; Chester M. Willey.

Those who served in the Second World War (1939-1945):

- **From St. Paul's Avenue Road:** church minutes show "a considerable number of men" from the congregation enlisted, with at least four losing their lives. They are: L. O. Brown; E. Douglas Todd; Jean Lois Todd; Stanley Walker.

- **From Trinity United Church:** 217 men and 13 women served; 16 men died in service. They are: Albert Bell; George Walter Bouck; Paul Douglas Colbourne; James Fairhead; John M. Kelly; H. J. Martin; Malcolm McIver; James R. McNeily; Charles Newell; R. Herbert Orr; J Sumner Owens; Charles Powell; Esmond Scovell; Jack T. Swain; Donald E. Walker; Victor J. Webb.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honour you.
We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

The Last Post, Silence, Amazing Grace & Rouse (Bagpipe: Connell Campbell)

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Silent Confession

Words of Life & Passing of the Peace:

May the words of life: ancient, living, and true.
Awaken courage, compassion, and hope in us today.
Christ's peace is among us and within us.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. *(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbour)*

Anthem: *In Remembrance* by Eleanor Daley

WE GROW IN FAITH

"We listen for wisdom that shapes our living."

Introduction to the Scripture

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (Inclusive Bible)
Response: VU 958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Thomas McKechnie

Luke 20:27-38 *(Inclusive Bible)*

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *"Lest We Forget: Peace, Memory, and Resurrection Hope"*

Silent Reflection

Offering and Thanksgiving

Even in troubled times, God's love continues to unfold.
Our gifts become signs of peace-making, reconciliation, and care.
Let us offer what we have and who we are
for the healing of the world God so loves.

(The offering is collected in the sanctuary. For those online, you are welcome to donate to the work of TSP with the QR code below.)



Offertory Hymn: VU527 God! As With Silent Hearts

- 1** God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.
- 2** Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.
- 3** Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.
- 4** So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

Doxology: VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers of the People

Loving God, hear our prayer.
And in your love, answer.

Paula Nieuwstraten

Sung Response: MV 67 Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison. **Kyrie Eleison.**
Christe Eleison. **Christe Eleison.**
Kyrie Eleison. **Kyrie Eleison.**

Encircling Prayers... *We hold in our prayers:*

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church

Lois Kunkel and family, on the death of her mother, Elisabeth Kunkel
All grieving Ray Whitehead, especially his daughters, Cynthia, Beth, Sara, and their families
Bradley Clements and Emma Kelly
Betty Butterworth
Greg Callaghan

Shining Waters Regional Council

Forest Home United Church, Orillia
Christian Island United Church
Kingsway-Lambton United Church, Toronto

The United Church of Canada

The General Council's recent gathering and the General Council Executive
The National Indigenous Elders Council and the National Indigenous Council

Ecumenical Community & Prayer

The pastors and congregations of Christ Disciples Church, India
The churches in Oceania

*O God, save our shores from the weapons of death,
our lands from the things that deny our young ones love and freedom.
Let the seas of the Pacific Ocean carry messages of peace and goodwill.
Turn away from our midst any unkind and brutal practices.
Let each child swim and breathe the fresh air
that is filled by the Holy Spirit.
O Jesus, bless all who are makers of that inner peace
that breaks down the barriers of hatred,
and unite us with the open arms of your cross,
that all the peoples of the world may live happily together.*

WE GO TO GOD'S WORLD

"We go to be bearers of peace in a wounded world."

Closing Hymn: VU 703 In the Bulb There is a Flower

1 **In the bulb there is a flower;
 in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!**
**In the cold and snow of winter
 there's a spring that waits to be,
 unrevealed until its season,**

something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
 seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
 bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
 what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
 in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
 in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
 at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

Benediction

Postlude: *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*, Text by June Boyce-Tillman, Traditional Irish Melody, arr. by Mike Magatagan (Flute: Paula Nieuwstraten)

TRINITY: HONOURING SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

By Jim Lewis

Trinity Methodist and Trinity United commemorated the service and sacrifice of their members differently, shaped by the historical context and evolving attitudes that changed perceptibly in the short period between the two world wars.

TRINITY METHODIST: FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TABLET AND TRINITY WAR BOOK

Trinity Methodist leaders, in keeping with practices of the time, directed how the war was to be memorialized. They commissioned an impressive bronze memorial tablet that was unveiled on May 19, 1920 (and which now hangs outside the Memorial Room). It features the names of 253 men and five women from the congregation who enlisted. The center arch has the names, places, and death dates of the 28 men who lost their lives, serving as a solemn and stark reminder of their sacrifice.

Oliver Hezzelwood, a Trinity member and national Methodist leader, compiled the Trinity War Book (1921), a unique collection of firsthand accounts of war as experienced by those who served.

TRINITY UNITED: SECOND WORLD WAR MEMORIAL ROOM AND BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Canadian veterans of the second war had greater voice in how the war and their service were to be remembered. They favoured public projects like memorial arenas and libraries that had community benefits over local honour rolls and tablets. Trinity United veterans proposed a war memorial project to “serve our community and our times.” Launched in 1947, the project raised more than \$8,000 (equivalent to \$116,224.00 today) to renovate existing boardrooms and to create a kitchenette, to meet congregation and community needs.

Instead of a memorial tablet, a more modest Book of Remembrance was prepared featuring the names of the 16 men who died, along with names of the 217 men and 13 women who served. This book is now preserved at the United Church Archives. The Book of Remembrance and Memorial Room were dedicated by Rev. Colonel George Fallis on November 9, 1947.

While the congregations remembered the wars in different ways, the common thread was the solemn gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who served and an overwhelming desire to create lasting and tangible memorials.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

11:45 – 12:45 pm

1. Call to Order (Del Doucette)
2. Constituting Prayer (Rev. Hewitt T. Holmes)
3. Participation in Discussion & Decision
 - Motion to permit non-members to participate in discussion and vote (vote by members ONLY)
4. 2026 Budget (Del Doucette)
 - Presentation, motion, discussion and decision
 - *Motion: THAT the Trinity-St Paul's Budget for 2026, distributed on November 7, 2025, be approved.*
5. West Wing Development Feasibility Study (Jim Lewis and David Craig)
 - Presentation, motion, discussion and decision
 - *Motion: Moved by Jim Lewis, seconded by David Craig, THAT the congregation of Trinity-St. Paul's (TSP) United Church endorses the idea that the TSP Trustees will enter into a non binding memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Kindred Works for a feasibility study on redeveloping the west wing of the church building and property, and that the MOU be sent to Shining Waters Regional Council for consideration and approval.*
6. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (Rev. Hewitt T. Holmes)

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