



***Ninth Day of Christmastide
The Feast of Epiphany
January 2, 2022
Service of the Word***

Prelude ***Brightest and Best Are the Stars of the Morning***
We Three Kings – arr. Janet Linker

Invitation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Confession and Forgiveness:

God of the Bethlehem star,
**everyone is searching for your light
shining in the face of Christ.**
The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him.
But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger.
We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure.
We do not come simply to worship:
we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health,
wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions
for not-so-important requests that we heap before him.
But the Magi sought first the kingdom.
Help us, God, to follow their example,
putting our own need in perspective,
worshipping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence,
and laying our gifts before you.
Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light
will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.

—based on Matthew 2:1-16; 6:33

Silent Confession

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.
Amen.

***Christmas Carol: No. 128** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

***The Collect**

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD. ¹

Christmas Carol: No. 164

One Small Child

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Responsively

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

¹ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

**give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!

⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;

**may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight. ²

***Epiphany Carol: No. 166**

We Three Kings

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Luke 2:41-52

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ " 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

² *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.³

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Proclamation of God's Word

"PD"

Three Sets of Three – Do You See?

³ *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

***Epiphany Carol: No. 163**

As with Gladness Men of Old

***Dismissal and Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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The Saints In Action

TODAY – *The Ninth Day of Christmas*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Next Sunday – *Baptism of the Lord*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 12/24 & 12/26/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3243.00	\$2434.93	\$808.07
Ben	\$395.00	\$213.46	\$181.54
Maint	\$265.00	\$163.46	\$101.54
Mem	80.00		
Total	\$3983.00	\$2811.85	\$1091.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$10.00

Christmas Eve Worship Attendance: 109

Sunday 12/26 Worship Attendance: 40

Sunday School: 7

Christmas Undecorate Party

We thank Ann Slifco, Nancy Bittner, Chris King, Jean Ann Darr, and a host of others who helped to decorate the Trinity Church so wonderfully. In the days ahead, it will be time to take down the decorations. On Sunday, January 9 following worship we are seeking the men of Trinity to take down all of the wreaths and place them in Fellowship Hall. Ann with the supervision of Nancy [who is recovering from a health challenge] will direct the efforts to efficiently and properly store all of the items used beginning on Monday, January 10. Thank you for your help in this endeavor.

Consistory Officers for 2022

President: Tom Calvert
Vice-President: Rus Ogburn
Secretary: Alissa Wright
Treasurer: Jean Ann Darr
Assistant Treasurer: Amy Clark

The entire Consistory will be installed in worship on Sunday, January 16, 2022. We will recognize the four retiring members of the Consistory that day. We thank Reon Engleka, Larry Hay, Curt Shaulis, and Jenna Ogburn for their service.

“Souper Bowl” Competition – 5 Sundays in January

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January 2022 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. One for larger churches (over 100 families) and a second for smaller churches (under 100 families). The four quarters of the competition will be the five Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the fellowship hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations should be given in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl” competition (checks should be made out to Trinity UCC).

Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 100 families from the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. In this time of economic stress and the pandemic it is so

meaningful for all of those who can help the food pantry. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable (non-expired) food, condiments, baking products, paper supplies, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations are welcome.

Prayers are requested for our clients and volunteers. May God continue to share his blessing with each and every one of you.

“Berlin Area Food Pantry”

Pastor’s Invitation to Help Mayfield United Methodist Church

On Christmas Eve, Pastor Dave challenged us to consider helping a congregation in Mayfield, Kentucky whose building was destroyed by the December 10th tornadoes that raced across that region. The pastor and his wife left the parsonage and took shelter in the church. All that was left is a small shell of a once grand building. The congregation’s first priority is to provide for their community. Pastor provided \$500.00 from his discretionary account, Trinity Outreach has matched that gift with an additional \$500.00. During the month of January, you are invited to consider an additional gift to help people who are unknown to us. Mark your gift “Mayfield” and we will encourage them with our gift.

*Secret
Pals*

There is still time.....

About “Secret Pals”

“Secret Pals” is a program started here at Trinity UCC in 2011.

Purpose: to provide a way for adults in our church family to encourage, support & affirm the youth of our congregation.

Program: Adult partners will be matched to youth who are part of our church family, and will send them cards, etc. to affirm and encourage them and let them know that they are an important part of our congregation.

Guidelines:

1. In October 2021, parents in our church family will be asked if they would like their child/children to be a part of “Secret Pals”. Parents will then fill out a sign-up form and place it in the offering plate, return it to the church office, or give to Bobbie Robertson by no later than **January 30, 2022**.
2. The program will be open to our church youth ages 4 – Senior High School.
3. Adult partners will be recruited and will sign a commitment form. One adult may be matched to more than one child if desired. The identity of the partners will remain secret until revealed in Summer or Fall, 2021
4. Adult partners will be asked to make the following commitment:
 - I will pray every day for God’s care and protection for my “Secret Pal”
 - I will remember my Pal’s birthday and holidays (Valentine’s Day, Easter, beginning and end of school, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas) with a card in the mail.
 - I will remember my Pal’s birthday and Christmas with a gift, not to exceed \$20.

Adults interested in participating, please complete the form. Parents of youth who would like to participate should complete the youth form on the back.

There are forms hanging on our church bulletin board at the Vine Street entrance or stop by or call the church office and we will see that you get one.

Deadline is January 30th!!

Our first newsletter of 2022 will begin publishing this next week. On the birthday and anniversary calendar, if you gave us new information in your family profile update and the changes aren't reflected, please note that we are still in the process of updating. Thank you to all of you that returned your forms.



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Jennifer Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Prayer Concerns:

For the Family of Jim Suder

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .

Large Print Bulletins

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

The Flowers on the altar in memory of their parents, Sherman and Anna Berkley & Chalmers and Elizabeth Means, by Lewis & Barbara Berkley

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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Happy New Year

**May God keep you and your family
happy and healthy throughout the year.**