



3RD SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By Cohen Clark

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

“Please silence your cell phone”

Prelude**Grace – Carolyn Hamlin****I Will Parise You, O Lord, My God – Carolyn Hamlin**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Greeting and Announcements**Call to worship:****Recognition Of Outgoing Consistory Members**

Tom Croner

Sheron Engleka

Julie Petro

Amanda Custer

Installation Of Incoming Consistory Members

Sue Coughenour

Carrie Croner

Shawn Hart

Amy Saylor

Grace mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

To God be the Glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

The Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby the church recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the ministry of each person in the life of the church. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving but the same God is served.

There are abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirits presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of us all.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

It is still one body even though it is made of many parts.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. If one part is praised all the parts share the happiness.

All of us are Christs Body, and each one is a part of it.

Call to Confession:

Surrounded by Faith, let us all renew our blessing of Grace.

Confession:

**Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Search with in us and find
willing servants of your word. Help us to know our path and
be guided by your will. Forgive us of our sins and help us to
want to sin no more. We pray this in Jesus Name**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

The gift of Jesus' Grace is there for us all. Rejoice that we only have to reach out and accept it. For that we give God the Glory.

*Response 66 Verse 1

To God Be The Glory

***The 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.**

***Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;**

Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God we humble ourselves before you. We share some of our gifts so that you can use them as a blessing to others. We pray that your will is done. We pray that you strengthen us all with your Spirit. Help each of us to be more than we can imagine. Help us to live each day for your Glory. Help us heavenly Father to share your blessings, so no matter where we are or what we are doing the world will know we are Christians. With our faith we know you see our needs. We pray that your presence is never far, and that you heal and comfort the people in our hearts. That you watch over and protect the places we worry for. We pray that you strengthen the care givers. That each of them is filled with compassion and mercy, strength and determination. We pray that you open ears, hearts, and minds to receive you. That the Grace of Jesus Christ can be a salvation to the lost. We offer to you the prayer Jesus first gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Isaiah Chapter 9, vs 1-4.

1 But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation,

thou hast increased its joy;

they rejoice before thee

as with joy at the harvest,

as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

thou hast broken as on the day of Midian.

**The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians
Chapter 1, vs 10-18.**

10 I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren.

12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius;

15 lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name.

16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.)

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from the book of Matthew
Chapter 4, vs 12-23.**

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caperna-um by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Hymn No. 375

Jesus Calls Us

**Message Title:
“One Spirit”
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 285**

In Christ There Is No East of West

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great
joy. To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen

Postlude

Triumphant Procession - Carolyn Hamlin

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen
Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy
Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phyllis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy
Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Installation of New Consistory
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – Pretzel Dipping – Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.

Giving From This chart reflects our monthly budget.

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General		\$10417.50	
Ben		\$1041.67	
Maint		\$1083.33	
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Total		\$12542.50	

Worship Attendance: 73

Sunday School: 20

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: Cohen Clark & Colton Custer

Ushers: Bob Brown & Ken Miller

Acolytes: Liz Hart & Rylee Beckwith

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

Church Secretary: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Sue Coughenour, 814-267-8528

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,

Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Sunday School

Sunday, January 4th, the Adult Sunday School will begin a new in-depth study on the Book of Romans. Romans is known as the Apostle Paul's most powerful letter with the blueprint of the Christian faith. It explains God's message of grace, justification, salvation, and transformation through Christ. If reading Scripture is hard for you to understand, this is a good class to attend. A clear, chapter-by-chapter journey through Romans made easy to understand.

Come join us at 10:10 am in the church Fellowship Hall. Class led by Sue Coughenour.

Super Bowl Competition

The Berlin Area food pantry is a very worthy cause. As the number of families we are helping continues to grow because of the state of our economy and the lack of funding from the State, we need your help more than ever.

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” competition. We currently hold first place from last year and our goal is to achieve that once again. In 2026, we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” Certificate. Our local food pantry continues to thrive. We are serving approximately 110 families from the Berlin and Shanksville Districts. **In this time of economic stress, 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. Non-perishable (non-expired) food, canned meats, sugar, juices, cereal, cake mixes and icings, cookie pouches, pie crust mixes, pie fillings, laundry detergent, dish liquid, 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.

Join us for VBS Style Sunday School for Nursery through Middle School. Everyone is welcome! Class will be the third Sunday of each month (February – June) starting February 15th, 2026.

We will attend the beginning of the church service, participate in Children’s Time, and then the class/program will take place downstairs until 11:00 am.

There will be Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts, (and snacks!)

Any questions, please contact Sheron Engleka, Kathy Spangler, or Nicole Parish.

Trinity Ladies

Trinity Ladies will meet at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb 2, at Cup of Soul.

On Monday, Jan 26, at 9:00 a.m. we will be dipping pretzels in Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun!

We will be participating in the Cocoa Crawl on Sat., Feb 7, from 10 A.M. - noon. Children will be decorating heart sugar cookies and chocolate covered pretzel rods which will be available to purchase.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. Although it is in the early stages of planning, please consider submitting your favorite recipes to add to a new book. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. You can put it in the offering plate, through the office door slot, hand it to a staff member or simply leave it on the sound board desk. Some of you have also been emailing your recipes! The baking is over, but the cooking isn't!!!! This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

Church Pictorials

Included in the last newsletter were labels for those who have already picked up your pictorial. All additional copies of the pictorials are in the church office if you would like to purchase additional copies. If you didn't order yours, there is still time to have a beautifully done piece of history of our church for years to come.

Save Your Valentine. On February 21, 2026, the Berlin Lions Club and Red Cross will be providing a free training class on performing CPR, giving First Aid and how to operate an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) unit. The training, which includes hands-on introduction, will be held in the Borough Building, with check-in between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Your Berlin Lion's club has provided over 30 AED units throughout our community. Statistics show that the immediate use, by bystanders, of an AED potentially raises the survival rate from 60 to 90% compared to just 5 to 7% when waiting only for EMS. Our church has an AED in the 1st floor activities room. The session lasts 3 to 4 hours; refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, please sign up at berlinpalions6279@gmail.com

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



Prayer for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Gracious and Ever-Present God,
You call us from many places and weave us into one body.

In the light of Christ, you reveal the path of love,
and in the power of your Spirit, you equip us to walk it.

On this day, we remember your Son's call to follow—
to leave behind fear, division, and doubt,
and to step into the work of healing, justice, and peace.

Shine your light into the shadows of our world,
bring comfort to the weary,
hope to the discouraged,
and courage to those who seek your kingdom.

Make us faithful witnesses of your grace,
so that in our words and actions,
others may see your glory and be drawn to your love.

Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, we pray.
Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**