



**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

***Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 17, 2024***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by - Vesper & Truitt Ogburn***

***Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

**Prelude Come Ye Thankful People, Come - Anna Laura Page
A Thanksgiving Offertory - Phil Lehenbauer**

Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 16)

Protect us, Oh God, in you we take refuge.

You are our Lord, apart from you we have no refuge.

Those who worship other things find only sorrow.

Wealth, fame, and fortune provide us no comfort.

We bless the lord who gives us counsel.

**We keep our lord before us, He is always at our right hand,
we shall not waiver!**

***Hymn No. 383**

Open Our Eyes Lord

***Call to Confession**

God calls us to set aside old ways. God calls us to make new paths. God wants us to seek out our salvation looking for comfort in His unending Love.

Silent Confession

Confession:

Heavenly Father help us to change. Guide us to new places where we can live and love our neighbors as ourselves. Strengthen us with your spirit so we are always seeking your love and unending salvation. In Jesus name forgive us of our sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has promised to write his law on our hearts and minds. Helping us to be more than we ever thought we could be. When we ask for our salvation he forgives us, knowing that we should always rejoice.

***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

Heavenly Father we humble ourselves before you. Thankful for the blessings you give us. This world, our lands and homes, family, friends, and the people you surround us with. We ask that you help us to care for each as you have commanded us. We present to you our offering, time, talent, and resources. We pray that you place us, and these things, where you need them. Helping people and places that require your touch. We lift up to you our prayer list. People we love that need your care. Heal them, care for them, comfort them. Be with the caregivers. The ones who give of their time, their talents, their love. Keep them strong, guide their faith, bless them with compassion.

Bless us with your spirit. Keep your presence near to us. Guide us to be your servants. Help us to strengthen your Church. We are thankful most of all for your Son Jesus Christ. His Grace our greatest gift. Bless us with His redeeming love. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray;

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Special Music "Danny Conner Quartet"

Scripture:

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters;

5 and, although he loved Hannah, he would give Hannah only one portion, because the Lord had closed her womb.

6 And her rival used to provoke her sorely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.

7 So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.

8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.

10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.

11 And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy maidservant, and remember me, and not forget thy maidservant, but wilt give to thy maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

12 As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.

13 Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard; therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman.

14 And Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you."

15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman sorely troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.

16 Do not regard your maidservant as a base woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation."

17 Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have made to him."

18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her countenance was no longer sad.

19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her;

20 and in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hebrews 10: 11 to 25

11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

13 then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet.

14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

17 then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

20 by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; **24** and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Gospel:

Mark 13:1-8

1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

2 And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down.”

3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?”

5 And Jesus began to say to them, “Take heed that no one leads you astray.

6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.

7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet.

8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs.

Hymn No. 292

God of Grace and God of Glory

Sermon
“Now is more important than when.”
Dave Creamer

***Hymn No: 45**

Surely Goodness and Mercy

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Now Unto Him Who Is Able
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.

Going Forth

Postlude

Now We Thank All Our God - Lloyd Larson

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Those Remembered in prayer:
God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick, Don Gary, Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Larry McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, JoAnne Smith, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

Prayer Calls:

If you are not receiving our one call prayer calls, please contact the office. The number that calls is an "877" number. This may appear to be spam. If your phone is blocking spam calls, this may be one reason why. If you prefer to receive the calls on your cell vs. landline we would like to know that as well.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – 27th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Worship Attendance: 101

Sunday School: 33

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: Pam Bush & Jim Darr, Board

Ushers: Rus Ogburn & Jim Walker

Acolytes: Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis & Helen Landis Frye, and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

November 24 Dave Creamer

December 1 Jay Shaffer

December 8 Steve Dinning

December 15 Dave Creamer

December 22 Dave Creamer

December 24 Dave Creamer

December 29 Dave Creamer

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

Sunday School

How do you approach prayer? Do you worry you are not doing it “correctly”? Do you see it as an obligation to check-off a to-do list? Do you think of it as a last resort – a kind of supernatural SOS when you need help? In this Pray First video Bible Study, Pastor Chris Hodges shares proven ways to help you spend time in conversation with God – and enjoy every minute of it. Pray First is a 6-part revolutionary study for anyone who wants to experience a dynamic, intimate prayer life with God, that begins on October 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 following worship service. Questions about this class may be directed to Sue Coughenour.

Sunday, December 15th- Church Christmas Play “Joy Story”

Any youth interested in participating, please contact Jean Hart at 814-267-5667 ASAP. We need you! Even if just a small part or to play the Rainbow Bells and if interested please contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283. We are planning on practicing during church (9-10 AM) November 10, 17, 24 and December 8. Everyone is welcome!

Escaping Egypt - Youth Rally at Camp Living Waters Friday, December 6, 2024 - Sunday, December 8, 2024 where you will try to help the Israelites escape. Cost for the weekend is \$25. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.

Glade One-Room Schoolhouse Historic Christmas Tours

Sunday, December 15th, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm and 8:00 pm. Parking at Unity UCC, 2074 Huckleberry Hwy, Berlin. Parking will also be available by the schoolhouse for those who need easier access.

Bring the whole family to experience Christmas that would have been celebrated in the early 1900’s hosted by the Berlin Area Historical Society! Unity UCC will have some time period activities with refreshments in the social hall between tour times. You will walk with a guide from the church to the one-room schoolhouse at the times designated above to immerse yourself in a Christmas celebration from the past with a real decorated tree, caroling, and traditions that would have taken place! There will be a fire started

in the schoolhouse in the potbelly stove but be sure to dress for the weather. No registration is required for this free event! Take a step back in time and appreciate the history of this building while learning about old Christmas traditions.

Children and teens of all ages are needed to help with tours, refreshments, activities and more. Contact Dave Creamer if you are interested in helping.

Contact Leanne Calvert 814-341-0589 or Tine Hillegass 814-442-3094 with questions.

Adopt-A-Family

We will be taking up a special collection during the month of November for our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project. We have been helping local families for over a decade by supporting them with essential gifts and food for the holiday season. If you would be interested in supporting this project, please make your donations to the church marking "Adopt-A-Family" on your offering envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Petro (814) 442-5124. Thanks.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held December 1st. The agenda will include minutes from our previous meeting, budget, election of new consistory members and old/new business.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2025 will be available for pickup during Sunday Services on November 24, December 1 & 8. All remaining boxes will be mailed by the end of the year. Please help us cut postage costs by picking up your boxes or making arrangements for them to be picked up.

Christmas Flower Orders

We are rapidly approaching the cut off for your Christmas Poinsettia orders.....Wednesday of this week!! Please complete your forms at the back of the church or contact the office Tuesday or Wednesday of this coming week. Be sure to use the form dated 2024.

Christmas Decorating:

Will commence the week of November 18th. We will be erecting the BIG TREE this year!!! Merry Christmas to us!! The big tree is a big task, so on the night of Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. we would like as much help as possible.

For those who attend Sunday School following the Congregational Meeting, we will be having Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 1st during the class time. This will include a covered-dish brunch, with signup sheets at both entrances. We hope all the youth and children will come help decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. This is always a fun event as the children love seeing all the memorable decorations made and donated over the years.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be meeting immediately after worship to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please join us as many hands make light work as we all know. We will be providing soups, rolls, fruit and vegetables to help you maintain your energy!

Birthright Christmas Tree

Once again, we will be sponsoring the Birthright Christmas Tree. It will be located in Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to look at it and see if there is some way you can help those in need.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Poinsettia Order Form

All Orders Due By 11/30/2024

Checks Payable To TUCC

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Color	Quantity	Size, # Plants, Cost
		Sm(6"x1p \$15) Med(8"x2p \$28) Lg(10"x3p \$35)
Red*		
White*		
Pink*		
Marble		
Jingle Bell		
*Lg only available in Red, White, Pink		TOTAL

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

A Prayer FOR THE COMING WEEK

Dear Lord,

Prepare me for the coming week. Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me this week that You and I together can't handle. Take away my fears, doubts and worries and replace them with strength, hope and faith. If I feel stuck or if I feel like I'm not getting where I need to be fast enough, remind me that I may be delayed because there's a storm where I'm headed and that storm isn't meant for me. I am grateful for my family, friends and animals. I thank You for this

Beautiful Life

and forgive me if I sometimes don't love it enough.

In Your name, I pray.

Amen.

~Charity M. Richey-Bentley

Have A Blessed Week!

Welcome to the new week. It is the time to make new beginnings, take up new challenges and write new success stories. Happy new week to you and your loved ones.