



***“Christmas Day”***  
***December 25, 2022***  
***Guest Speaker – Pastor Art Gotjen DMn***

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

## **Prelude**

## **Halleluia**

### **Welcome**

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

### **Greeting**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.**

**\*Hymn No. 123**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

### **Opening Prayer**

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **John 1: 1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God;

3 all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

9 The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.

11 He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.

12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God;

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

**\*Hymn No 157**

**Away in a Manger**

**Meditation**

**“The Word Is Love”  
Pastor Art Gotjen**

**\*Hymn No 152**

**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

**\*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**

**Prayer of the Offering**

**Our Lord’s Prayer [using debts and debtors]**

**\*Hymn No: 136**

**The First Noel**

**\*Hymn No: 138**

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

**\*Benediction:**

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in peace and joy.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude**

**Go Now in Peace**



**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

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

### **Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jason Benning, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Reon Engleka, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Debbie Luteri ( her sisters and family, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Grace Pritts, James Robb, Nancy Schrock, Greg Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

### **Prayer List Update**

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

### **One Call Now Prayer List**

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

### **The Saints In Action**

TODAY – Christmas Day  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. **NO** Sunday School

Wednesday -There will be **NO** Trinity Bell rehearsal

Next Sunday – New Year's Day, First Sunday after Christmas  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. **NO** Sunday School

**Worship Attendance: 137**  
**Sunday School: 21**  
**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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

*These Days* – Devotional

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Pam Bush (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Acolytes:** Kaitlyn Miller

**The Flowers on the altar** in memory of his father, Poss, and his mother, Ruth by Dale Gindlesperger.

***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:**

*Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771*

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Alan Brick, 814-267-6628*

**Consistory Deacons:**

*Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco*

*Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler*

*Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

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

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## **New Year's Day Service**

We will be having a 9:00 a.m. service on New Year's Day.

**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.

