

Thanksgiving Day

We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

~ Mary Fairchild

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Word of Welcome

Psalter

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
4 to him who alone does great wonders,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
7 to him who made the great lights,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
8 the sun to rule over the day,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
24 and rescued us from our foes,
 for his steadfast love endures forever;
25 he who gives food to all flesh,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.¹

*Hymn of Praise: No. 561

We Gather Together

Confession of Sin

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing,
somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Ps 136:1–26). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

enjoy.

Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.

Lord, have mercy on us.

With bellies full of grain and meat,
we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world
and we feel we have done enough.

Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between “us” and “them,”
for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

Christ, have mercy on us.

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth,
we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around
this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather
than to you.

Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving,
that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Word of Pardon

***Praise**

Forever!

Morning Prayer

***Gospel Hymn: No. 559**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or

‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ²

***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.

Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

***Martha Stewart Is NOT Coming to Thanksgiving
and I Am Still Thankful!***

Prayer of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Song of Commitment: No. 556 *Now Thank We All Our God

***Dismissal and Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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

Sound and Video System Upgrade – has been completed. At 8:55 a.m. we will go “live” with morning worship. If you are at home or away and have your electronic device go to www.berlinucc.org or the church Facebook page to watch the service. It will also be saved to our YouTube Channel and will be available for viewing at later times.

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Consistory calls for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 5th following worship to act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, adopt the proposed 2022 Budget, and take up any other business of the congregation. The meeting will commence following the service at 10 a.m.

Consistory Nominees:

Elder: Rus Ogburn

Deacons: Ann Slifco, Leanna Coughenhour,
and Gale Hay.

Youth Christmas Program

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the downstairs during Sunday School on November 28th. We will have light refreshments. Come and enjoy the company and fun!

“Souper Bowl” Competition

It is almost 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”

In December at Trinity and in the Area

Laurel Highlands Chorale Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. and Monday, December 6 at 7 p.m. – Somerset Church of the Brethren.

Advent-Christmas Holy Communion on Sunday, December 12 with special music of the Trinity Bells.

Children’s Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19 at 9 a.m. The children will be preparing during Sunday School and on Sunday evenings following Confirmation.

The Berlin Brethren “Handbell Choir & Just Brass” will present a concert of Christmas Music on Sunday, December 19th at 2 p.m.

Christmas Eve – December 24th

5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve – Trinity

7 p.m. Christmas Communion & Candles – Zion, Meyersdale

11 p.m. Carols and Candles – Trinity

The Saints In Action

TODAY – *Thanksgiving Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – NO Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Next Sunday – November 28 – *First Sunday of Advent*

9:00 a.m. Worship –

10:10 a.m. Sunday School



Giving From 10/14/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	1888.00	\$2434.93	-\$546.93
Ben	\$640.00	\$213.46	\$426.54
Maint	\$150.00	\$163.46	-\$13.46
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Total	\$2678.00	\$2811.85	-\$133.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00 and Adopt a Family (Secret Santa) of \$225.00

Worship Attendance: 59

Sunday School: 14



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, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

Thank you for the cards and prayers while I was hospitalized and now that I am home.....Andrea Harris.

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: Tyler Gindlesperger, Gaye Maust

Acolytes: Colton Custer, Cohen Clark

The Flowers on the altar in honor of Cora & Lucy Wright by Alissa Wright

Please note that effective November 1st the Altar Flowers have increased from \$30-\$35. Pam will be working on the flower schedule in the next couple of weeks. If you wish to cancel your flowers for the coming year, please contact the office.

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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Forever

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our
2 God and King His love en-dures for-ev - er.
5 For He is good. He is a - bove all things, His
7 love en-dures for-ev er. Sing praise, Sing
11 praise. With a might-y hand and
14 out-stretched arm, His love en - dures for - ev -
16 - er. For the life that's been re-born His

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love en-dures for-ev - er. Sing praise. Sing

23



praise. Sing For-ev - er God is faith -

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- ful, for-ev - er God is strong, for-ev -

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- er God is with us, for-ev - er, for-ev -

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- er. From the ris ing to

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the set-ting sun, His love en - dures for - ev -

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- er. By the grace of God we will car -

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- ry on, His love en-dures for-ev - er. Sing



Enclosed in this week's bulletin you will find the order form for this year's Christmas Poinsettias.

We apologize for the short notice but to ensure colors we must turn our order in by December 1st.

Please turn them in as soon as possible.