



You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021***

Guest Pastor: Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz

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

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Veterans Presentation

Sheron Engleka

***Patriotic Hymn: No. 571**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

We will sing Verses 1 & 4.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Praise: No. 278**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***Confession of Sin**

Righteous God,

you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,

that we may be loyal ambassadors,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Word of Pardon**

Do not weep!

See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Thanks be to God!

—based on Revelation 5:5, 9-10, NIV

Psalter

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

- 2 **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**
- 3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
- 4 **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall
multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**
- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- 6 **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 **I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- 10 **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- 11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. ¹

Morning Prayer

Old Testament

1 Samuel 1:4-20

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So 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. ⁸And 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?”

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Ps 16:1–11). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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 you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant 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 go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless 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 that you have made to him.” ¹⁸ And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face 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 for him from the LORD.” ²

***Gospel Hymn: No. 463**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

St. Mark 13:1-8

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

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (1 Sa 1:4–20). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, “See 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. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.”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.**

Proclamation of God’s Word

The Rev’d Linda Miller-Pretz

Prayer of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer [using debts and debtors]

***Song of Commitment: No. 563**

Count Your Blessings

***Dismissal and Blessing**

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

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We welcome the Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz as our guest preacher this morning. Linda is no stranger to the Penn West Conference as she previously served as the Associate Conference Minister. Today she is enjoying retirement and lives north of Pittsburgh with her husband, Joel. We are grateful for your ministry to us this morning.

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.

Youth Christmas Program: Christine Countryman is heading up the Youth Christmas Program and will be having a meeting on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 pm to plan everything out. Anyone interested in helping, please attend.

We are looking for help with the Children’s Christmas program December 19th. See Kathy Spangler or Christine Countryman.

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!

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 Gayle Hay.

“Secret Pals” Program

We are gearing up for another round of the Secret Pals program beginning in November. The reveal from this past year is currently being planned for November 21st at 8:30 a.m. The applications were included in our last newsletter as well as posted on our church community bulletin board.

“Secret Santa”

We want to begin collecting for Secret Santa beginning October 24th through November 21st. All proceeds will benefit families in the Berlin Community. Please submit donations in the offering plate indicating “Secret Santa” as the subject. If anyone is interested in shopping for the cause, please contact Julie Petro at (814) 442-5124.

Today is Veterans Sunday:

Thank you Sheron Engleka for preparing the video presentation in memory and honor of those who have served our country.



The Saints In Action

TODAY –

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday –

6:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Program Meeting

Wednesday –

6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – November 21 – *Thanksgiving Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 11/07/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	3605.00	\$2434.93	\$1170.07
Ben	\$610.00	\$213.46	\$396.54
Maint	\$155.00	\$163.46	-\$8.46
Mem	\$50.00		
Total	\$4420.00	\$2811.85	\$1558.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$15.00 & Adopt A Family (Secret Santa) of \$280.00

Worship Attendance: 76
Sunday School: 16



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

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: Chris King, Pam Bush

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

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

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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