



***First Sunday after Christmas Day
January 1, 2023
Guest Speaker – Tom Calvert***

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

Prelude

**Variations on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing –
Janet Linker
Silent Night – Charles Callahen**

Welcome

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

***Call to Worship**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the bright, warm sunshine and the freezing-cold snow.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made you, and God made me.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

***Hymn No. 479**

Onward Christian Soldiers

Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 63: 7-9

7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel which he has granted them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

8 For he said, Surely they are my people, sons who will not deal falsely; and he became their Savior.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew: 2: 13 - 23

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt,

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they were no more."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

20 "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

21 And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. **23** And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Psalms 148

1 Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens,
praise him in the heights!**

**2 Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host!**

3 Praise him, sun and moon,

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praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

6 And he established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

10 Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

12 Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn No. 380

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. **Amen.**

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

We have offered our prayers and the Lord grants forgiveness.

We rejoice that the Lord forgives all who turn their hearts to him.

Let us praise our God!

***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**

Offering Prayer

All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen

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.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Sermon "What Now, Resolutions & other Promises"

***Hymn No: 505**

Love Lifted Me

***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 Toccatà on “Adeste Fidelis” – David Hegarty

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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 & 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

For some of us, as we enter the season of celebrating the joy in the birth and life of our Savior, we may also be feeling the pain and loss of a loved one or their illness, at the same time. Please take the time to say an extra prayer for those who might be in need.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.

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 –First Sunday after Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School Following Meeting

Wednesday – NO Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – The Baptism of Christ, First Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship – Communion & Installation of New
Consistory Members

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 12/18/22

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2317.00	\$2434.93	-\$117.93
Ben	\$112.00	\$213.46	-\$101.46
Maint	\$247.00	\$163.46	\$83.54
Mem	\$0.00		
Total	\$2676.00	\$2811.85	-\$135.85

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$20

Giving From 12/25/22

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2905.00	\$2434.93	\$470.07
Ben	\$135.00	\$213.46	-\$78.46
Maint	\$250.00	\$163.46	\$86.54
Mem	\$130.00		\$130.00
	\$3420.00	\$2811.85	
Total	0	5	\$608.15

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$60

Worship Attendance: 15

Sunday School: No Sunday School Last Week

What’s So Amazing About Grace?

Beginning January 8, 2023, the Parsonage Conference Room Sunday school class will begin the newly filmed video Bible study by bestselling author Philip Yancey, “What’s So Amazing About Grace?”. Yancey explores the concept of grace – something the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else – and illustrates what it looks like in action. He also examines how Christians lavish grace on a world that knows far more cruelty and unforgiveness than it does mercy. Join us for this six-week study in the Parsonage Conference Room that is open to adults of all ages and lead by Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses:

January 6, 2023 – Game Night – 6:30 p.m. Church Basement – Bring your favorite games and snacks to share. **ALL** ages are invited – this event is for **EVERYONE** – bring a friend and snack to share and come fellowship with us!

Souper Bowl Time

It is time for the annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January, 2023 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper

Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. Food items & monetary donations will be accepted. If giving a monetary donation, please mark your offering envelopes as “Souper Bowl”.

Next Sunday, January 8th, we will have the Installation of the new Elder and Deacons of the Consistory.

The Garrett United Methodist Church Choir & Friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, “Christmas Forever, Amen” this Sunday evening, January 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the church on Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening.

Trinity UCC Committees:

Consistory will be reviewing the various committees. If you would be interested in serving on any of them, please contact a Consistory member.

Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023

Maundy Thursday – April 6, 2023

Good Friday – April 7, 2023

Easter – April 9, 2023

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: Lori Gindlesperger (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

The Flowers on the altar in memory of their parents, Sherman & Anna Berkley & Chalmers & Elizabeth Means, by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Berkley.

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

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Ann Slifco, Julie Petro, Amanda Custer

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Sheron Engleka, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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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.

