



## 4TH SUNDAY AFTER **EPIPHANY**

***February 1, 2026***  
***“Holy Communion”***  
***Pastor Dave Creamer***  
***Assisted By Truitt & Callum Ogburn***

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

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

**Prelude****Grace – Carolyn Hamlin****I Will Parise You, O Lord, My God – Carolyn Hamlin**

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

**Greeting and Announcements****Call to worship:****Recognition Of Outgoing Consistory Members**

Tom Croner

Sheron Engleka

Julie Petro

Amanda Custer

**Installation Of Incoming Consistory Members**

Sue Coughenour

Carrie Croner

Shawn Hart

Amy Saylor

Grace mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

**To God be the Glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

The Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby the church recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the ministry of each person in the life of the church. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them.

**There are different ways of serving but the same God is served.**

There are abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

**The Spirits presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of us all.**

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

**It is still one body even though it is made of many parts.**

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. If one part is praised all the parts share the happiness.

**All of us are Christs Body, and each one is a part of it.**

**Call to Confession:**

Surrounded by Faith, let us all renew our blessing of Grace.

**Confession:**

**Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Search with in us and find  
willing servants of your word. Help us to know our path and  
be guided by your will. Forgive us of our sins and help us to  
want to sin no more. We pray this in Jesus Name**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

The gift of Jesus' Grace is there for us all. Rejoice that we only have to reach out and accept it. For that we give God the Glory.

\*Response 66 Verse 1

To God Be The Glory

\*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**

Gracious God we humble ourselves before you. We share some of our gifts so that you can use them as a blessing to others. We pray that your will is done. We pray that you strengthen us all with your Spirit. Help each of us to be more than we can imagine. Help us to live each day for your Glory. Help us heavenly Father to share your blessings, so no matter where we are or what we are doing the world will know we are Christians. With our faith we know you see our needs. We pray that your presence is never far, and that you heal and comfort the people in our hearts. That you watch over and protect the places we worry for. We pray that you strengthen the care givers. That each of them is filled with compassion and mercy, strength and determination. We pray that you open ears, hearts, and minds to receive you. That the Grace of Jesus Christ can be a salvation to the lost. We offer to you the prayer Jesus first gave to us.

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

### **The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Micha Chapter 6, vs 6-8**

**6** “With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

**7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

**8** He has showed you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**The epistle Lesson is from First Corinthians  
Chapter 1, vs 18-31**

**18** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**19** For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.”

**20** Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

**21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

**22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

**23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

**24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**26** For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth;

**27** but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong,

**28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

**29** so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

**30** He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption;

**31** therefore, as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.”

**The Gospel Lesson is from Book of Matthew  
Chapter 5, vs 1-12**

**1** Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him.

**2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

**3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**5** “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

**8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Hymn No. 375**

**Jesus Calls Us**

**Message Title:  
“More Action Than Attitude”  
Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 323**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Communion Prayer**

God be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

**It is right to give God Thanks and Praise.**

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of

creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who come in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Please be seated.

### **The Body**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

### **The Blood**

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Let us pray.**

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of**

Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray.

Amen.

\*Hymn No. 285

In Christ There Is No East of West

\*Benediction

\*Response – Sung with Dismissal

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

Postlude

Triumphant Procession - Carolyn Hamlin

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,  
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,  
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown,  
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy  
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,

Wilma Durst, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,  
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,  
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay,  
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister,  
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,  
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,  
Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Prittis, Brian Robb,  
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor,  
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,  
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,  
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,  
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

Today- 4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Installation of New Consistory  
Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Scout Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

## **Online Giving (Tithe.ly)**

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.

## **Giving From January 2026**

**This chart reflects our monthly budget.**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$8418.00	\$10417.50	-\$1999.50
<b>Ben</b>	\$780.00	\$1041.67	-\$261.67
<b>Maint</b>	\$830.00	\$1083.33	-\$253.33
<b>Mem</b>	\$50.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$10,078.00	\$12542.50	-\$2514.50

Not included in Benevolence were donations to the Food Pantry of \$30

## ***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:** Chris King, Colton Custer

**Ushers:** Jean & Shawn Hart

**Acolytes:** Truitt & Callum Ogburn

**Organ:** Ann Slifco

***Flowers on the altar are in memory of*** Carolyn McGinn by Mike Fogel

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:***

*Dave Creamer, Student Pastor*

*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:***

*Sue Coughenour, 814-267-8528*

*Jim Darr, 814-483-0957*

*Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324*

***Consistory Deacons:***

*Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill*

*Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,*

*Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart*

***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

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

*Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234*

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***Sunday School***

Sunday, January 4th, the Adult Sunday School began a new in-depth study on the Book of Romans. Romans is known as the Apostle Paul's most power letter with the blueprint of the Christian faith. It explains God's message of grace, justification, salvation, and transformation through Christ. If reading Scripture is hard for you to understand, this is a good class to attend. A clear, chapter-by-chapter journey through Romans made easy to understand. Come join us at 10:10 am in the church Fellowship Hall. Class led by Sue Coughenour.

## **Souper Bowl Competition**

The Berlin Area food pantry is a very worthy cause. As the number of families we are helping continues to grow because of the state of our economy and the lack of funding from the State, we need your help more than ever.

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” competition. We currently hold first place from last year and our goal is to achieve that once again. In 2026, we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” Certificate. Our local food pantry continues to thrive. We are serving approximately 110 families from the Berlin and Shanksville Districts. **In this time of economic stress, 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. Non-perishable (non-expired) food, canned meats, sugar, juices, cereal, cake mixes and icings, cookie pouches, pie crust mixes, pie fillings, laundry detergent, dish liquid, 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.

**Join us for VBS Style Sunday School** for Nursery through Middle School. Everyone is welcome! Class will be the third Sunday of each month (February – June) starting February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

We will attend the beginning of the church service, participate in Children’s Time, and then the class/program will take place downstairs until 11:00 am.

There will be Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts, (and snacks!)

Any questions, please contact Sheron Engleka, Kathy Spangler, or Nicole Parish.

## **Support Our Sunday School/Young Learners!**

We are gathering and collecting supplies for games, crafts, lessons, and activities for the upcoming youth Sunday School program. If anyone is interested in helping, a box for donations is located in the fellowship hall.

All donations will be used in Sunday School, and during youth classes and activities.

Thank you for supporting our Sunday School ministry!

## **Trinity Ladies**

Trinity Ladies will meet at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb 2, at Cup of Soul.

We will be participating in the Cocoa Crawl on Sat., Feb 7, from 10 A.M. - noon. Children will be decorating heart sugar cookies and chocolate covered pretzel rods which will be available to purchase.

## **Church Cookbook Fundraiser**

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. Although it is in the early stages of planning, please consider submitting your favorite recipes to add to a new book.

We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. You can put it in the offering plate, through the office door slot, hand it to a staff member or simply leave it on the sound board desk. Some of you have also been emailing your recipes! The baking is over, but the cooking isn't!!!! This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

## **Church Pictorials**

Included in the last newsletter were labels for those who have already picked up your pictorial. All additional copies of the pictorials are in the church office if you would like to purchase additional copies. If you didn't order yours, there is still time to have a beautifully done piece of history of our church for years to come.

**Save Your Valentine.** On February 21, 2026, the Berlin Lions Club and Red Cross will be providing a free training class on performing CPR, giving First Aid and how to operate an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) unit. The training, which includes hands-on introduction, will be held in the Borough Building, with check-in between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Your Berlin Lion's club has provided over 30 AED units throughout our community. Statistics show that the immediate use, by bystanders, of an AED potentially raises the survival rate from 60 to 90% compared to just 5 to 7% when waiting only for EMS. Our church has an AED in the 1st floor activities room. The session lasts 3 to 4 hours; refreshments

will be provided. Space is limited, please sign up at  
[berlinpalions6279@gmail.com](mailto:berlinpalions6279@gmail.com)

### **Fat Tuesday At Unity**

On February 17<sup>th</sup> there will be the Annual Pancake and Sausage dinner at Unity. No fee, good will offering only. Any proceeds go towards Heifer International. Doors open at 5:00, kitchen closes at 7:00.

**Berlin Vet's Home Breakfast** - 419 Meadow St, Berlin, will have an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, February 8 from 9 am to 1 pm or when sold out. This is buffet style and includes ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$13.00 for ages 13 and up, \$5.00 for ages 5-12 and under 5 are free. This is dine in or take outs are available.

### **Israel Nov 2026 Tour Presentation Sun., Feb 22**

Pastor Tom and Debbie Sprowls of the Brethren church will hold an Israel Tour Presentation Sunday, February 22 at 4:00PM in the Berlin Brethren sanctuary. This will be to inform and answer questions about the upcoming Israel Tour they are hosting Saturday, Nov 21 - Monday, Nov 30, 2026. This presentation anyone can attend even to learn more about Israel. These tour dates go over the Thanksgiving holiday. This timeframe was chosen to try to make it more convenient for one to use less work vacation days. Contact Pastor Tom and Debbie with any questions you might have now by email at [tsprowlsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tsprowlsjr@comcast.net). Tour information packets including a trip application are available now. Please spread the word about both the presentation and tour to anyone who might have interest. Shalom.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.

## **Sermon Notes:**

“I must preach  
the good news  
of the kingdom  
of God to the  
other towns  
too.”

Luke 4:43

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

God of light and life,  
You gather the whole world into Your care.  
Shine Your healing on the sick,  
Your comfort on the grieving,  
Your justice on the oppressed,  
and Your peace on all who are anxious.  
Strengthen Your church to be a beacon of hope,  
and send us into the world  
as witnesses of Your grace.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us  
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**