



It is the Spirit
who gives Life,
the flesh profits nothing.
The words that I speak
to you are Spirit,
and they are Life.

- John 6:63

***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 29, 2021***

Guest Pastor: Rev'd Linda Miller- Pretz

***Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street***

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Greetings & Announcements

***The Doxology**

***Invitation to Confession:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; but we esteemed it not and turned away. Let us confess our unfaithfulness and the limits of our trust.

***Corporate Confession:** God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

***Time For Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life. God has heard the confessions of our hearts and God's mercy abounds, forgiving us, and opens to us a new opportunity to live in love.

***Hymn of Praise: No. 12** *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

***Psalm 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of Hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of God; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O God of Hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are those that live in your house ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of Gods will be seen in Zion.

O sovereign God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the sovereign God is a sun and shield; God bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does God withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O God of Hosts, happy is everyone who trust in you. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Rob Stemple

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-15

***Gospel Hymn: No. 404**

“The Solid Rock”

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

Preaching of the Word

Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz

“Flesh and Spirit; Myth and Truth”

Call to Prayer of Intercession: No 429

“Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”

Prayer of Intercession

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

***Hymn of Commitment: No. 295**

“Revive Us Again”

***Dismissal and Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dave has ordered new music that includes accompaniment CDs for the fall. Join us as we sing some new music like “Shut de door, Keep out de Devil!” and more.

Trinity Bells will meet on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. to polish the bells and their first full rehearsal will be September 22 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join the bells, please speak with Jeanne Hillegass.

Confirmation Classes – for students entering 6th grade and above, you are invited to join Pastor Dave on Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. with your parent[s] for an introduction to Confirmation. We will meet the 1st and third Sunday evenings through October 2022 [we will not meet in July and August]. Confirmation will be Reformation Sunday October 2022.

Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 12 and we will present Fletcher Bibles during worship.

Trinity Celebrates 250 Years of ministry in 2027. We are starting to think about this celebration and how to commemorate this very special anniversary. Would you be willing to work with a team to create a plan for honoring this anniversary? Speak with Pastor of your interest.

**St. Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonaldton, PA -
Sunday, September 5, 2021**

Family-style ham and turkey dinners with noodles and stuffing – served 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – adults \$12.00 – children under 12 \$6.00 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

VBS – Wilderness Journey

We enjoyed having 22 children share in our VBS 2021 prepared and led by Amy Clark and Jean Hart. The decorations of the sanctuary and church office were wonderful. Thank you to our dinner hosts who made sure a delicious meal was served each night to children and families. Thank you to Amanda Custer for heading up the Crafts once again – it is always a joy to see what is done to correlate with the themes of the week. We had a number of guides who led the age groups around to the modules to experience VBS. Pastor Dave with the help of Matt Miller presented the daily scripture lesson from Exodus. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in a very successful Vacation Bible School! **Pictures are now available on our website at berlinucc.org under photo albums.**

The offering of \$125.00 will be given to the Schrock Playground.

Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Lindsey Stotler Cioci, Pam Crooks, Jane Fisher, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Glenda Paul Family, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

The Saints In Action

Next Sunday – September 5th
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 8/15/2021

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	1686.00	\$2434.93	-\$748.93
Ben	\$275.00	\$213.46	\$61.54
Maint	\$125.00	\$163.46	-\$38.46
Mem	\$130.00		
Total	\$2216.00	\$2811.85	-\$725.85

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$20.00.

Worship Attendance: 109
Sunday School: 18

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: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Charles & Mary Esther Smith by Nancy Bittner and Family

Additional Flowers are in honor of their family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden by Mark and Lori Gindlesperger

We welcome the Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz to the Trinity pulpit this Sunday and next Sunday. She is a retired clergy member of the Penn West Conference and former Associate Conference Minister. She and her husband, Joel, live near Pittsburgh. Thank you, Pastor Linda, for coming to share the Gospel with us today.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

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Vacation Bible School 2021 – The Wilderness Adventure

