



***Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer***

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

Prelude

**I Trust in Thee – Mary McDonald
The King of Glory – Mary MacDonald**

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**

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn No. 94**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Opening Prayer

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.

All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren.

12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius;

15 lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name.

16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.)

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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.

***Hymn No. 208**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Sermon – Pastor Jay

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Responsively

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
he will set me high upon a rock.

**6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

8 Thou hast said, "Seek ye my face."

My heart says to thee,

"Thy face, LORD, do I seek."

9 Hide not thy face from me.

Turn not thy servant away in anger,
thou who hast been my help.

Cast me not off, forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Prayer of Confession:

God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and homeless, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free to love and serve. **Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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:**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty. All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, and you rule over all. Therefore, Lord, receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Transform them into a source of life for many, so that your kingdom may grow in the hearts of all. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

***Hymn No: 188**

At the Cross

***Dismissal With Blessing**

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Going Forth

Postlude **Crown Him With Many Crowns – Mary McDonald**

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Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023
Maundy Thursday – April 6, 2023
Good Friday – April 7, 2023
Easter – April 9, 2023



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, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Gale Hay, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Debbie Luteri (her sisters & family) Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Grace Pritts, Harold 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

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 –Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – No Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 01/15/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1377.00	\$3155.58	-\$1778.58
Ben	\$480.00	\$182.69	\$297.31
Maint	\$130.00	\$163.46	-\$33.46
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Total	\$1987.00	\$3501.73	-\$1514.73

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$285

Worship Attendance: 53

Sunday School: 21

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

Ushers: Amy and Jason Clark

Acolytes: Cohen Clark, Colton Custer

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann, and Willie Slifco

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, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class

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.

Croner Educational Fund

Trinity United Church of Christ established the Education Fund in memory of Joseph and Erma Croner with Earl D Croner and Richard F Croner as donors. First priority for the money from the Fund shall be to members of the church who are students for the Christian ministry. Second priority shall be for college students who are members of the church and have a financial need. Applications for the Croner Educational Fund Scholarship will be accepted from January 1 – March 31, 2023. A transcript of applicant/student grades is to be included with the application. Applications can be obtained at the church office.

“Souper Bowl” Competition – 5 Sundays in January

It is time for our 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. 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”

Hugs & Kisses

Game night was a huge success, and a grand time was had by all! Mark your calendars for February 10th “Movie Night”. H & K will provide Popcorn and Drinks. ALL ages are invited – this even is for EVERYONE. Bring a friend, a snack to share and come fellowship with us!!!

Community Life (Living Independence for the Elderly)

2023 Senior Health Fair

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Life – Somerset Center

118 Shaeli Drive, Somerset PA 15501

You will have an opportunity to visit & speak with our staff in the following departments and learn more about the service we can offer you to stay healthy and at home. Dietary, Social Services, Therapy, Nursing, Activities and Home Care.

Everyone who attends will receive a grocery bag of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Please RSVP by January 17th at 814-443-0130.

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.

Good morning
May you have
a week full
of God's
blessings

R.A.A.