



***First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

**Prelude: Come Join in the Dance of Trinity – Anna Laura Page
Restoration – Tom Birchwood**

Announcements

Call to Worship: (From Psalm 51)

Have Mercy on us O God, according to your steadfast Love.

Bless us with your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Cleans us thoroughly from our iniquities, cleanse us from our Sin.

We know our transgressions; our sin is always before us.

It is against God we sin, to temptation we fall.

God of our salvation deliver us!

***Hymn No. 208**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Call to Confession

The Lenten season calls us to repent. Look within ourselves at the things that tempt us and pray for the strength we need to overcome our weakness.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. The temptations of this world are great. We place the things we want above you. We yearn for what we should not have. Forgive us of our faults. Strengthen us, guide us, and reassure us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

As God forgives, we receive a peace beyond our understanding. There is a freedom from the guilt our sin places on us. A burden we don't have to carry anymore. We should humbly give thanks. Amen

**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

Heavenly Father, our strength, and our redeemer we gather before you a repentant people. We offer to you our gifts that you use them as your will sees fit. We pray that you keep us from temptation, help us to find strength where we are weak. Bless us with your love, protecting those that serve us, both near and abroad. Bless us with your healing power, be with those that are weak in heart, have failing health, and troubled minds. Bless us with your guiding presence, help those that are lost find their way. Help us to know Jesus's Love, to seek it out. Help us to understand his sacrifice for us. Help us to live the prayer he taught to us:

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Scripture:

Deuteronomy Chapter 6, vs 1-9

1“ Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances which the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it;

2 that you may fear the Lord you God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord;

5 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart;

7 and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

8 And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Epistle:

Romans Chapter 10, vs 8-13

8 But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

9 because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

13 For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Gospel:

Luke Chapter 4, vs 1-13

1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit

2 for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’ ”

5 And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,

6 and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

7 If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours.”

8 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’ ”

9 And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here;

10 for it is written,

‘He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,’

11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

12 And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ” **13** And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Hymn No. 185

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon
"Don't Be Fooled"
Dave Creamer

Hymn No. 372

Living for Jesus

*Benediction

*Response – Sung with Dismissal

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Going Forth

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy – Anne Laura Page

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father
Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,
Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Louie David Gontis, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Cindy McCullen Janicki, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister,
Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce
Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Stewart
Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,
Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Rick Work, Gerald Zorn

Please keep the families of Larry Leister and Lois Krause in your
prayers due to their passing.

Prayer List Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed
on the Prayer List.

Prayer Calls:

As a reminder, the "One Call Now" test date is Thursday, March
13th. Please let us know if you do NOT receive this call so that
we can investigate our database.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
Reception for Pastor Dave Creamer

Wednesday – **NO** Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m.

Giving From 03/02/25

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2499.00	\$3155.58	-\$656.58
Ben	\$310.00	\$182.69	\$127.31
Maint	\$285.00	\$163.46	\$121.54
Mem	\$.50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$3144.00	\$3501.73	-\$357.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry \$20

Worship Attendance: 66

Sunday School: 22

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parents. 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: Cohen, Colton and Tom

Ushers: Debbie Boyer and Bob Brown

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar in memory of her parents, Virgil & Harriet Vaughan by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty.

Bulletin in recognition of the ongoing military service of Captain Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army, Fort Cavazos, TX, Jacob's parents, Ken & Cindy Janicki and grandparents, Larry & Judy McCullen.

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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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TODAY!! Reception for Pastor Dave Creamer

Please join us for a potluck brunch immediately following church. You are welcome even if you did not sign up for food. The more the merrier!! The church will provide ham, rolls, cake, coffee and water. Let's show Pastor Dave how much we appreciate him!

Just a reminder that there will be a “**One Call**” going out this Thursday, March 13th. Please contact the church office if you **DO NOT** receive a call.

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting- March 6th, 6:30PM
March 8th- Winter Jam Christian Music Concert- Bryce Jordan Center, State College, PA. Tickets are \$15 at the door. (No pre-order) Doors open at 5PM, Concert at 6PM. We will meet at the church and carpool. H&K will pay for our youth who attend. All ages are welcome. If interested, contact Amanda Custer 814-483-4283.

"Berlin Veterans Home, 413 Meadow St, Berlin will be having Fish Frys on the following dates, March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18. The menu is fried or baked fish, french fries or baked potato, hush puppies, coleslaw and a dinner roll. The cost is \$14.00 and the meal, either eat in or take out, will be available from 3 to 6 pm. Desserts will also be available"

Trip to Sight and Sound

There are **2** tickets available for the show June 26th, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending contact Vanessa Gardner, vgard59@gmail.com, reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

Sunday School

Who is God?

A true, intimate relationship with God is not based on our own ideas about what God is like. If we really desire to know God, we must approach Him based on the knowledge of who He reveals Himself to be in His Word. Join Dr. Steven J. Lawson in this in-depth study as he articulates a biblical understanding of fifteen divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. This 16-week adult Sunday School series began on December 22nd and is led by Sue Coughenour.

Food Pantry

Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. Bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled. They are also in need of large boxes so if you can help in that area, it would be appreciated.

Parking

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there so we need to respect the guidelines.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Have a Blessed Week!



**Easter Flowers: Please make
Checks Payable to TUCC**

(All orders are due by March 23)

<i>Plants</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Easter Lily				
Single	White	\$18.00		
Double	White	\$29.00		
Triple	White	\$39.00		
Tulip *	White, Pink, Purple, Red, Yellow, Orange			
6"		\$15.00		
8"		\$25.00		
Hyacinth*	White, Pink, Blue			
6"		\$15.00		
8"		\$25.00		
Daffodil				
8"		\$25.00		
		Total		

*Please specify color on Tulip and Hyacinth

Name/Phone: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____