



February 8, 2026
"Scout Sunday"
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By Colton Custer

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

"Please silence your cell phone"

Prelude

It Is Well Within My Soul - Jeff Parks
Children of the Heavenly Father – 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:

A Recognition of service and celebration of our Scouts:

Cohen Clark

Nathan Spangler

Truitt Ogburn

Carter McClain

Caden McClain

Hymn No. 9

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Call to Confession:

United in Faith, surrounded by the Spirit, let us confess to Faults and seek forgiveness.

Confession:

Heavenly Father Hear our prayer. Be among us this day, surround us with your presence. Hear our confessions. Help us change the narrowness of our vision to see your will. Make us new with the Grace of Jesus our Saviour, in his name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Give thanks for in Christ we can be made new. Rejoice and praise him for endless mercy. 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 bring our offerings to this altar and pray that your will is done. That the gifts we have to share may be a blessing to others. We pray that your Spirit is our Guide and that this church is an extension of your will. That we can be a city on a hill. A light for all to see. With our faith we bring to you our fears and concerns. We lift up our prayer list, the people we love and care for that need your healing. Be a comforting presence, mend body, mind, and soul. We are thankful most of all for your Son, Jesus Christ. His gift of Grace is our greatest hope. His Gospel our guide, we offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture is from Psalms 112 Vs 1-9

1 Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

2 His descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3** Wealth and riches are in his house;
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4** Light rises in the darkness for the upright;
the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 6** For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered for ever.
- 7** He is not afraid of evil tidings;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
- 8** His heart is steady, he will not be afraid,
until he sees his desire on his adversaries.
- 9** He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

**The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians
Chapter 2 Vs 1-12**

- 1** When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.
- 2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- 3** And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling;
- 4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
- 5** that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
- 6** Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.
- 7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.
- 8** None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- 9** But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him,"
- 10** God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

11 For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew Chapter 5 vs 13-20

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17 "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.

18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Hymn No. 494

Like a River Glorious

**Message Title:
"A City On The Hill"
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 483**

Lead On, O King Eternal

***Benediction**

***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

Postlude God of Grace and God of Glory - 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 Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scout Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir Practice

Next Sunday – Transfiguration 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 |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| General | \$8418.00 | \$10417.50 | -\$1999.50 |
| Ben | \$780.00 | \$1041.67 | -\$261.67 |
| Maint | \$830.00 | \$1083.33 | -\$253.33 |
| Mem | \$50.00 | | |
| Total | \$10,078.00 | \$12542.50 | -\$2514.50 |

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

Worship Attendance: 59

Sunday School: 11

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: Pam Bush, Bill Landis

Ushers: Chris King, Ann Slifco

Acolytes: Colton Custer

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Richard and Rheta Hillegas by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:

Dave Creamer, 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.

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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 powerful 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 15th, 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!

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

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

Fat Tuesday At Unity

On February 17th 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.

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. 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.



The Sundays After The Epiphany

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy and Radiant God,
You scatter the darkness with the light of Your truth
and call us to follow in the way of Christ.

When we feel weary, renew our strength;
when we are uncertain, guide our steps;
when we are burdened, lift our hearts with hope.
Shine through us so that our words bring comfort,

our hands offer healing,
and our lives reflect Your love to the world.

Gather all creation into Your peace,
and let justice and mercy flow like an endless river.
Through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Redeemer.

Amen.

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