



***2nd Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 19, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Cora and Lucy Wright***

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

## **Prelude**

This Is My Father's World – Diane Bish  
Love Will Be Our Home – Steven Curtis

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

For Zions Sake do not keep silent!

**We cry out, Praise the Lord!**

For Jerusalem's sake do not rest!

**We strive each day to do God's Will!**

Let every Nation know Gods Glory.

**We rejoice! Praise God**

### **\*Hymn No. 277**

### **The Church's One Foundation**

### **Call to Confession**

Gathering here together we confess our faults. We express the desire to do better. We strive to be more for the glory of God.

### **Confession**

**Heavenly Father we pray to you. We ask for your guidance and your care. Our faults and sins hold us back. Our human desires weigh us down. Forgive us of our sins. Help us to seek your will. Help us to go forward with your guidance. Help us to lift each other up.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God knows us, he knows we can be his servants. God knows we are more than our faults; our simple human wants that keep us from serving him. We are forgiven when we reach out to God, trusting him. He will strengthen our faith if we let him, making us more than we can imagine. Let us always give God the glory!

**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, we humble ourselves be for you. A grateful and thankful people. We bring to your table some of what you have given us. We pray that your will is done, and the people and places that need these gifts receive them. We pray for our world. We ask for your presence and your calming grace. Help your children that suffer fires and floods, cold and ice, loss and loneliness. We pray that you keep safe and care for those that serve and protect us. Our military and first responders, let them know they are loved and let them come home safe. We pray that your spirit is here in our community and with us and our neighbors. Help us to be a productive people, striving to do all our tasks for your glory. Watch over our homes and families. Keep your steading hand on us. Help us to do unto others as we would

have them do unto us. We lift up our prayer list. The people on our hearts and minds. Those that are shut in, and those that shut themselves out. Bring healing to their bodies, their hearts, and their minds. Heavenly Father we are grateful most of all for our Savior Jesus Christ. His sacrifice, his teaching, his example our greatest gift. We offer to you the prayer he taught us to pray.

### **Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]**

#### **Scripture:**

#### **Psalm 36 vs 5-10**

**5** Thy steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
thy faithfulness to the clouds.

**6** Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God,  
thy judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast thou savest, O Lord.

**7** How precious is thy steadfast love, O God!  
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings.

**8** They feast on the abundance of thy house,  
and thou givest them drink from the river of thy delights.

**9** For with thee is the fountain of life;  
in thy light do we see light.

**10** O continue thy steadfast love to those who know thee,  
and thy salvation to the upright of heart!

#### **Epistle:**

#### **First Corinthians 12 vs 4-11**

**4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

**5** and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

**6** and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who  
inspires them all in every one.

**7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common  
good.

**8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and  
to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same  
Spirit,

**9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by  
the one Spirit,

**10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

**11** All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**Gospel:**

**John vs 1-11**

**1** On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

**2** Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples.

**3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

**4** And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

**5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

**6** Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

**7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

**8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it.

**9** When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom

**10** and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."

**11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Hymn No. 280**

**I Love Thy Kingdom Lord**

**Sermon**

**"Because We Can"**

**Dave Creamer**

Hymn No. 381

Open My Eyes, That I May See

\*Benediction

\*Response – Sung with Dismissal

**Now Unto Him Who Is Able**

**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.**

**Going Forth**

**Postlude      Son Of God, Eternal Savior – Michael Burkhardt**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding,  
Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor,  
Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer,  
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,  
Tammy Coughenour, 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, Gary Hillegas,  
 Cindy McCullen Janicki, Barry Landis,  
 Brenda & Larry 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, Tammie Saylor, Steward Saylor, Nancy Schrock,  
 Curt Shaulis, JoAnne Smith, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke Stutzman, Larry  
 Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work,  
 Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

**Prayer List Update**

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

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 01/12/25**

|                | Rec       | Budget    | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>General</b> | \$3130.00 | \$2298.72 | \$831.28   |
| <b>Ben</b>     | \$230.00  | \$240.38  | -\$10.38   |
| <b>Maint</b>   | \$135.00  | \$163.46  | -\$28.46   |
| <b>Mem</b>     | \$250.00  |           | \$100.00   |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$3745.00 | \$2702.56 | \$792.44   |

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$480

**Worship Attendance: 58**  
**Sunday School: 27**

***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 & Tom Croner

**Ushers:** Pam Bush & Leanna Coughenour

**Acolytes:** Cora & Lucy Wright

**Organ:** Nancy Bittner

**Flowers on the altar** *in memory of my mother, Shirley F. McCullen by Larry W. McCullen, Sr.*

***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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### **Trip to Sight and Sound**

There are **5** tickets available for the show June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:vgard59@gmail.com), reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

### **Trinity Bells**

There will not be bell practice for the month of January.

### **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 will begin on December 22nd and be led by Sue Coughenour.

**The Souper Bowl Competition** is underway. There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game and regain our #1 spot as we lost it last year. The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January and the two Sundays in February before the actual Super Bowl. If making

monetary donations, please mark your envelope "Souper Bowl" and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

### **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.

**Meals on Wheels** of Somerset County needs volunteers to deliver meals in Berlin and the surrounding area on Mondays. If you would be interested and want more information, contact Meals on Wheels at 814-443-2787 or Rose Shaffer, Berlin driver coordinator, at 814-267-5310.



### **The Humane Society of Somerset County**

Dear Friends of Trinity United Church of Christ,  
We wish you could see firsthand how we are using your generous gift of \$150 to make a difference at our shelter. Without your compassion and generosity, we would not be able to provide a second chance at life for abused, abandoned and unwanted animals. On behalf of our dedicated staff, loyal volunteers and beautiful animals we are truly blessed by your support and sharing your heart. Thank you so much!

### **Hugs & Kisses**

#### **February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Hugs & Kisses will be hosting a brunch after church. This will be a potluck for EVERYONE!!! There will be a sign up at the Vine

Street entrance. Please come and fellowship with us! There will be no Sunday school that date.

**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.



Father God, we bring our offering of worship and with it the service of our lives through this coming week. May we go from this place knowing that we have met with you and been blessed by your Spirit, to live and work to your glory. Amen

**Blessings For a Wonderful Week Ahead**