



***January 11, 2026  
Baptism of Christ  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted By Colton Custer***

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

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

**Prelude:**

**When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified**  
**Anna Laura Page**  
**Cantilene – Malcolm Archer**

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:**

**From Psalm 29 the Voice of God in a Great Storm;**

Give to the Lord you heavenly beings, give to the Lord glory and Strength.

**Give to the Lord the Glory of his name, worship him in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of Glory Thunders.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks tall timbers; the Lord breaks the timbers of the Mountain.

**The voice of the lord flashes flames of fire, His voice shakes the wilderness.**

The God sits enthroned over the flood, enthroned king forever, may the lord give strength to his people, and bless them with peace.

**Hymn No. 319**

**We Bless the Name of Christ, The Lord**

**Call to Confession:**

Let us open our hearts to God. Let us confess our faults. Let us seek the Grace of Jesus Christ.

**Confession:**

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. You know our faults and see our sins, forgive us. Bless us with your Spirit, help us to do your will. Give us the strength to give of ourselves, to love our neighbors, and live a life for your Glory. In Jesus name we pray.

**Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon:**

The Gift of Grace is ours to receive. The love of Jesus has provided it to us all. Rejoice in the gift and accept the salvation.

**\*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. Blessed in many ways we offer to you some of our gifts. Not as a bribe or as a payment, but as a hope that we may be part of your glorious will. That our offering can be a blessing to others. With our faith in you we lift up our concerns and fears. We pray for the people on our prayer list. We ask that your healing presence is with them. That you bring comfort and peace as only you can. We are grateful most of all for our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. His example to us is our guide, his sacrifice our greatest hope. We offer you the prayer he taught us.

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

### **The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Isaiah Chapter 42, vs 1-9**

**1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him,  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

**2** He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

**3** a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

**4** He will not fail or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

**5** Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread forth the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

**6** "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

**7** to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**8** I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to graven images.

**9** Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from Matthew Chapter 3, vs 13-17**

**13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

**14** John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

**15** But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.

**16** And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him;

**17** and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### **A reading from the book of ACTS Chapter 10, 34-43.**

**34** And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality,

**35** but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

**36** You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

**37** the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

**38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**39** And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

**40** but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest;

**41** not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

**42** And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

**43** To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Hymn No. 320**

**Come Holy Spirit, Love Divine**

**Sermon**

**“Clarification from God”**

**Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 166**

**We Three Kings**

**\*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     O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing – Mark Hayes**

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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, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Linda  
Gallick, Jeff Gavel, Nancy Gindlesperger, 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, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Donna  
Schmuker, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,  
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron Tamblyn,  
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,  
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

## **The Saints In Action**

Today- Baptism of Christ  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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

### **Giving From 01/04/2025**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3067.00	\$3155.58	-\$88.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$210.00	\$182.69	\$27.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$220.00	\$163.46	\$56.54
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$3497.00	\$3501.73	-\$4.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10.

**Worship Attendance: 82**  
**Sunday School: 20**

### ***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:** Jim & Jean Ann Darr

**Ushers:** Sue Coughenour & Sheron Engleka

**Acolytes:** Colton Custer

**Organ:** Nancy Bittner

**Flowers on the altar are in memory of** Richard & Helen Croner  
by the Richard Croner Family.

### ***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*

**Your newly elected elder and deacons for 2026 are Elder Sue**  
**Coughenour and Deacons Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart, and**  
**Amy Saylor**

***“Recognition of outgoing and installation of incoming***  
***members scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>”***

## ***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

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

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Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

### **Sunday School**

Sunday, January 4th, the Adult Sunday School will begin 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.

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, January 18th-** Planning meeting during Sunday School in Jean's class regarding plans for the raised garden beds that we received a grant for to plant/harvest fresh vegetables for the food pantry.

### **Friday, January 23rd at 6 PM- Spaghetti Dinner and Game**

**Night.** H&K will be providing spaghetti and rolls. There is a signup sheet for salad items and desserts and so we have a number of people to prepare for. So please sign up and bring some of your favorite games to play and some friends and join us! This is for ALL ages.

**Saturday, February 7th - Cocoa Crawl in Berlin.** We will be participating this year at our church. We will have chocolate dipped pretzels already prepared by Trinity Ladies for those who attend, but we need H&K youth to help from **10 AM-12 PM** to help children to decorate cookies/clean up.

## **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**

Included in the newsletter will be labels for those who have already picked up your pictorial. The labels are to be placed on the last page of members. All 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](mailto:berlinpalions6279@gmail.com)

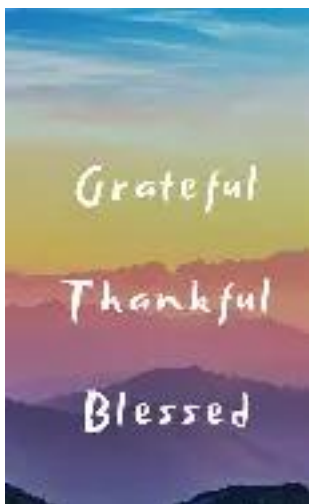
## **Thank You From Birthright**

Thank you for your generous donation to Birthright. Your kindness will help the moms who have chosen yes to bringing a beautiful life into the world!

### **Thank You from Berlin Food Pantry**

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessings.

**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.



*Heavenly Father,*

Thank You for the gift of a new week. Fill our days with peace, joy, and purpose. Guide our steps so that we walk in wisdom and kindness. Protect our heart from worry and help us to see opportunities instead of obstacles. May our work be fruitful, our relationships be nurturing, and our spirit remain grateful. Let this week be a reflection of Your goodness in our life.

*Amen.*

## **Have a Blessed Week Ahead**