



***November 23, 2025  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted by Colton Custer***

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

***"Please silence your cell phone"***

**Prelude: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come – Anna Laura Page**  
**Prelude on “Ash Grove” – Michael Helman**

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:**  
**Luke Chapter 1:68-75**

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people,  
**69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us**  
**in the house of his servant David,**  
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
**71 that we should be saved from our enemies,**  
**and from the hand of all who hate us;**  
72 to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
**73 the oath which he swore to our father Abraham,**  
74 to grant us  
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
**75 in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of**  
**our life.**

**\*Hymn No. 559**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

**Call to Confession:**

Paul tells us in Colossians that we should be made strong with all the strength that comes from God’s glorious power. With that Strength let us go to God with our confessions.

**Confession:**

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Our doubts and fears lead us astray. Our worries and concerns keep us from your will. Forgive us of our sins. Renew us with your Spirit and assure us that Christ is King over all the world.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Jesus has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus brings us redemption and forgives our sins. 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. A grateful people. Thankful for our gifts we bring our offering to you. We pray that your will is done and that our gifts may be a blessing to others. We lift up to you our concerns and fears. We pray that you

bring healing to those on our prayer list. Touch the lives of those in need. Gather into your flock the lost and lonely. We pray that your will is done. We celebrate your Son. Christ is King and we rejoice. Blessed with his Grace, guided by his teaching we offer to you the prayer he first gave to us.

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

### **The Old Testament Scripture Lesson from the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 23, vs 1-6.**

**1** "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the Lord.

**2** Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.

**3** Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

**4** I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the Lord.

**5** "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**6** In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **The Epistle Lesson from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Chapter 1, vs 11-20.**

**11** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

**12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**13** He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

**14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

**16** for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

**19** For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

**20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the book of Luke, Chapter 23, vs 33-43**

**33** And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

**34** And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

**35** And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

**36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar,

**37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

**38** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

**39** One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

**40** But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

**41** And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

**42** And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**43** And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Hymn No. 561**

**We Gather Together**

**Message**  
**"Christ The King"**  
**Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 556**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

**\*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**

**Now Thank We all Our God – Paul Manz**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

**God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.**

**Shut Ins:**

**Barb Berkley, 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, 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, Nancy Schrock,  
 Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,  
 Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,  
 Barbara and Peter Usher, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,  
 Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

### **The Saints In Action**

Today- 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday –First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### **Giving From 11/16/2025**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2540.00	\$3155.58	-\$615.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$125.00	\$182.69	-\$57.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$145.00	\$163.46	-\$18.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$118.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2928.00	\$3501.73	-\$691.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$110, Operation Christmas Child of \$92.36, Adopt-A-Family of \$225 and Birthright \$50

**Worship Attendance: 64**

**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 Darr, Bill Landis

**Ushers:** Leanna Coughenour, Jean Hart

**Acolytes:** Liz Hart, Rylee Beckwith

**Organ:** Amanda Custer

**Flowers on the altar are in honor of** her Mother **and in memory of** her Father and her grandparents by Michele Romesberg

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

### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is currently doing an in-depth study on the book of Daniel. Come join us as we discover prophecy yet to be fulfilled. The class begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour.

**A Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 7 PM at the Berlin Brethren Church. Pastor Bob Keplinger will share the message. A freewill offering will be taken for our local food pantry. We hope you will join us for an evening of worship and fellowship.

**Church Office** has music for anyone who is interested in singing with the Joint Choir for the Community Thanksgiving Service.

### **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. This should be lots of fun! Thank you to those who have submitted.....keep them coming!

### **Trinity Ladies**

Come join us on Monday, December 8, at noon, for a Christmas party at Eat 'n Park in Somerset. Wear a Christmas top and /or if you have any Christmas pin(s). Also, if you would like, bring a

\$5-10 gift to participate in a gift exchange. Let's celebrate and have some fun!

## **Hugs & Kisses**

**TODAY - November 23rd- Trip to Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Monroeville.** H&K will pay for youth attending. We will carpool after Sunday School and eat somewhere in Somerset before heading to Monroeville. Our group time starts at 2:00PM. Any youth will need a waiver signed by a parent if attending. RSVP to Alissa Wright by November 16th. RSVP to Alissa Wright by November 16th.

## **December 14th- Youth Christmas Play**

Colton and Cora will be in charge this year. Tentative practices during Sunday School in December and dress rehearsal practice Saturday, December 13th in the afternoon, time TBD.

**The Laural Highlands Chorale** will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm and Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road. Intermission music will feature the Berlin Brethren Church's Bell Choir under the direction of Norman Menhorn. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door, or from any chorale member.

## **Church World Services Disaster Kits**

Is an ongoing (year-round) ministry mission. As we now make way for Operation Christmas child as our October mission, always keep the need for disaster kits in mind as disasters do not have an expiration date.

## **Adopt A Family**

Adopt a Family will be our mission for the month of November in addition to Birthright of Somerset Giving Tree Drive. For more information, please contact Julie Petro at 814-442-5124

## **Congregational Meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>**

An early reminder the annual Congregational Meeting will be held on the first Sunday of December following worship services. Tentative Agenda will be our proposed budget and selection of new incoming Consistory members and recognition of outgoing

members. The proposed budget was included in the last newsletter.

**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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



Gracious and ever-living God,  
You breathe life into Your people and kindle the fire of faith  
within us.

As we gather in the light of Your Spirit,  
open our hearts to Your Word,  
our hands to acts of mercy,  
and our voices to songs of praise.

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

