



***First Sunday in Advent  
November 28, 2021***

*The great proclamation “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” [John 1:14] assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions --- past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah’s coming as addressed to us --- people who wait for the second coming. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way Advent highlights for us the larger story of God’s redemptive plan.*

*Christ has come, and yet not all things have reached completion. We anticipate Christ’s coming again.*

**Prelude**

***Veni Emmanuel*** – arr. Hal Hopson

**Invitation**

***Immanuel***

**Call to Worship and Confession**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus direct your ways.

**May the Lord make us abound in love for one another,  
and for all!**

Make us to know your ways, O Lord!

**...for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all  
the day long.**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions; according to Your steadfast love  
remember me, for the sake of Your Goodness, O  
LORD!**

May God establish your hearts to be blameless in Holiness.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in  
the way.

**He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the  
humble His way.**

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for  
those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it  
is great.**

***Silent Confession***

Hear now the good news of the gospel! As a called and ordained  
Minister of the Church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I  
thereby declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the  
name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

---based on Psalm 25 and 1 Thessalonians 3

**\*Advent Carol: No. 123**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

## **\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**The prophet Isaiah said, *The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.***

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, *Greetings you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.*

**We rejoice that we too have found favor with God.**

God's mercy extends to those who fear Him from generation to generation. --- based on Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:28

## **\*Advent Carol: No. 127 – Verses 1 & 5**

***Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne***

## **Morning Prayer**

**Our Savior's Prayer** [using **debts** and **debtors**]

## **Old Testament**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

## **\*Gospel Hymn: No. 120**

***The Advent of Our God***

## **\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**St. Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?<sup>7</sup> <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory

was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>1</sup>

**\*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.**

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**"PD"**

***I Hope. . .***

**\*Christmas Carol: No. 137**

***What Child Is This?***

**\*Dismissal and Blessing**

**\*Going Forth**

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<sup>1</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Bellingham, WA: Faithlife.

**Sound and Video System Upgrade** – has been completed. At 8:55 a.m. we will go “live” with morning worship. If you are at home or away and have your electronic device, go to [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org) or the church Facebook page to watch the service. It will also be saved to our YouTube Channel and will be available for viewing at later times.

### **“Souper Bowl” Competition**

It is almost time for our annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January 2022 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. One for larger churches (over 100 families) and a second for smaller churches (under 100 families). The four quarters of the competition will be the five Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the fellowship hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations should be given in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl” competition (checks should be made out to Trinity UCC).

Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 100 families from the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. In this time of economic stress and the pandemic 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. Nonperishable (non-expired) food, condiments, baking products, paper supplies, toiletries, 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.

“Berlin Area Food Pantry”

### **“Secret Pals” Program**

We are gearing up for another round of the Secret Pals program beginning in November. The applications were included in our last newsletter as well as posted on our church community bulletin board.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – The Consistory calls for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> following worship to act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, adopt the proposed 2022 Budget, and take up any other business of the congregation. The meeting will commence following the service at 10 a.m.

Consistory Nominees:

Elder: Rus Ogburn

Deacons: Ann Slifco, Leanna Coughenhour,  
and Gale Hay.

### **In December at Trinity and in the Area**

***Laurel Highlands Chorale Christmas Concert*** on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. and Monday, December 6 at 7 p.m. – Somerset Church of the Brethren.

***Advent-Christmas Holy Communion*** on Sunday, December 12 with special music of the Trinity Bells.

***Children's Christmas Program*** on Sunday, December 19 at 9 a.m. The children will be preparing during Sunday School and on Sunday evenings following Confirmation.

***The Berlin Brethren "Handbell Choir & Just Brass"*** will present a concert of Christmas Music on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

***Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>***

***5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve – Trinity***

***7 p.m. Christmas Communion & Candles – Zion, Meyersdale***

***11 p.m. Carols and Candles – Trinity***

## The Saints In Action

TODAY – *The First Sunday in Advent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School – Decorating Downstairs

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *December 5 – The Second Sunday in Advent*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

10:20 a.m. Sunday School and Children's Christmas Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner and Class



### Giving From 11/21/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	2417.00	\$2434.93	-\$17.93
<b>Ben</b>	\$420.00	\$213.46	\$206.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$210.00	\$163.46	\$46.54
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$3047.00	\$2811.85	\$235.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$115.00 and Adopt a Family (Secret Santa) of \$220.00

**Worship Attendance: 84**

**Sunday School: 16**



**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Carol Boyer, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Dana Dawson, Dawn Gindlesperger, Andrea Shaulis Harris, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Kelly Tharp, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

***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:** Tom Croner, Jim Darr

**Acolyte:** Nathan Spangler

**The Flowers on the altar** in honor of her parents and in memory of her grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

**Additional Flowers** in honor of Kate Keidel's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven by Jeannie Keidel Williams

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

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

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

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# Immanuel

Stuart Townend

From the squall-or of a bor-rowed sta-ble,  
King of heav-en now the friend of sin-ners,  
by the Spir-it and a vir-gin's faith,  
hum-ble ser-vant in the Pa-ther's hands,  
to the an-guish and the shame of scan-dal,  
filled with pow-er and the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
came the Sav-ior of the hu-man race. But the  
filled with mer-cy for the bro-ken man. Yes, He  
skies were filled with the praise of heav'n.  
walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Shep-herds lis-ten as the an-gels tell of the  
joys and sor-rows that I know so well; Yet His  
gift of God come-down to man,  
right-eous steps give me hope a-gain.  
at the dawn-ing of Im-man-u-el.  
I will fol-low my Im-man-u-el.

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