



Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

With an Act of Remembrance

***November 16, 2025
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by Cohen Clark***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Prelude

**We Gather Together – Mary McDonald
Rondeau on “Royal Oak” – 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: A Celebration of the Saints

***Hymn No. 212**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Call to Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor. Raise a voice to seek forgiveness.

Confession:

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Distracted by a busy world we have sinned. We fail to follow your commandments. Forgive us. Shelter us in the Grace of your Son Jesus Christ. Renew our will to serve you with a blessing of your Spirit. In Jesus name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Paul guides us to not be weary in doing what is right. Humble and quite determination will keep us on the path. Rejoice that a loving and forgiving God walks with us on the journey.

***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. Thankful for the gifts you have given us, we offer our tithing to you. Time, talent, and resources we share so others can feel your blessings. We pray that we can be a productive people. That your Spirit fills our homes and schools. That your presence is felt by those in need, those that worry, those that care. We pray for healing, comfort, and guidance for the ones we place on our prayer list. It is with our faith we lift those cares and concerns to you. It is with our faith that we believe your will is done. Our greatest hope is the Love of your Son Jesus Christ. Our greatest gift is the Grace and Forgiveness he offers to each of us. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us;

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**Old Testament scripture from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 12
vs 1-6**

1 You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
for though thou wast angry with me,thy anger turned away,
and thou didst comfort me.

2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

4 And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,

call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the nations,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle lesson from Second Thessalonians

Chapter 3 vs 7 to 13

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,

8 we did not eat any one's bread without paying, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you.

9 It was not because we have not that right, but to give you in our conduct an example to imitate.

10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat.

11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work in quietness and to earn their own living.

13 Brethren, do not be weary in well-doing.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Luke

Chapter 21 vs 5-19

5 And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,

6 “As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

7 And they asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?”

8 And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.

9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.

13 This will be a time for you to bear testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

16 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death;

17 you will be hated by all for my name's sake.

18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Hymn No. 47

God Will Take Care of You

Message

"Signs, Persecutions, and Hope"

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 8**

Praise to the Lord Almighty

***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.

***Going Forth**

Postlude

Now Thank We all Our God – Lloyd Larsen

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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- 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday - **Bell Practice – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday – Confirmation Class 6:30

Next Sunday –24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 11/09/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1639.00	\$3155.58	-\$1516.58
Ben	\$355.00	\$182.69	\$172.31
Maint	\$330.00	\$163.46	\$166.54
Mem	\$295.00		
Total	\$2619.00	\$3501.73	-\$1177.73

Included in the Memorial Total was a donation to Music Memorial Fund of \$120.

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$110, Operation Christmas Child of \$252 and Adopt-A-Family of \$310.

Worship Attendance: 100

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: Cohen Clark, Tom Croner

Ushers: Bob Brown, Jean Hart

Acolytes: Liz Hart, Rylee Beckwith

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Devon and June Landis, Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis.

Special Flowers are in memory of Carl Saylor by Karol and Kevin, Craig and Amy Saylor.

Bulletin is dedicated as a birthday remembrance for her grandmother Anna May Weighley by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler.

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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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

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 7th at 3:30 pm and Monday, December 8th 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.



Operation Christmas Child

Want to Participate but don't want to shop.....Great News:

Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth Without Leaving Home

Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to some people who have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

When you Build a Shoebox Online, it provides believers in remote regions a creative way to share the Good News in a culturally sensitive manner. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). Help fulfill the Great Commission and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth by building a shoebox online today!

Cost to build an online box is only \$30 and that includes quality items and the shipping fee.

Check out one of these links:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/2c49c382-fca4-4730-bf36-02c9f17fafa3>



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 7th

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.



Holy and gracious God, You meet us in the quiet and in the storm,
in the joy of community and in the ache of longing. On this day,
open our eyes to see your mercy, our ears to hear your truth, and
our hearts to receive your peace.
Through Christ, who walks with us always.
Amen.

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