



Second Sunday after *Epiphany*

January 18, 2026
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By Cora & Lucy Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

“Please silence your cell phone”

**Prelude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Mark Hayes
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated – Jeff Perks**

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:

Call To Worship (Based on Isaiah 44:2-4)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also you.

This is what the LORD says, he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and will help you. "Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, whom I have chosen."

Our God calls us by name and brings us the time of promise.

"I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams."

Our God gathers us together and renews our life.

This is what the LORD says, Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."

Our God knows us and loves us with a love that cannot die. Blessed be the name of God.

Hymn No. 2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Call to Confession:

Let us seek reassurance and comfort from our God, our Savior Jesus, and our Guide the Spirit.

Confession:

Gracious and Holy God, glorious is your name. We lift up our hands to you. Our hearts open before you. You are the well from which we drink and are satisfied. Make plain your presence among us. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear and tongues to confess your everlasting love and mercy. Inhabit our silent prayer and our praise. Forgive us of our sins and restore us. We ask it in the name of the one who does all things well – Christ Jesus, our friend, our brother, and our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Surrounded by his presence, filled with his spirit, rejoice that we can be redeemed by his Son. For that 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

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. We bring our gifts to the table and pray that your will is done. Help us be your hands and feet, help us open our hearts so we can receive your loving guidance, and share that gift with each other. We pray that your Spirit guides us that we may be answers to prayers, blessings to people that need them, comfort to a world that is unsteady. We pray for loved ones in need, that those on our prayer list can feel your healing presence, we lift up to you fears and concerns. We pray that you strengthen our faith, so that we can be a light for those in the dark. We are grateful for your Son Jesus Christ. His gift to us on the Cross gives us our greatest hope. Help us accept his grace. We offer to you the prayer he first gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Epistle lesson is from First Corinthians Chapter 1, vs 1-9

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge—

6 even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you—

7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ;

8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel Lesson is from The Book of John Chapter 1, vs 29-42

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.’

31 I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

33 I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples;

36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

38 Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

39 He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

The scripture lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10, vs 1 to 8 and 23-26.

1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort,

2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms liberally to the people, and prayed constantly to God.

3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius."

4 And he stared at him in terror, and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and bring one Simon who is called Peter;

6 he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside."

7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those that waited on him,

8 and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

23 So he called them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went off with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his kinsmen and close friends.

25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man."

Hymn No. 379

Take My Life and Let It Be

**Message Title:
"Unknown Answer"
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 376**

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

***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

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Carolyn Hamlin

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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, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, 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, 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- 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Install New Consistory

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 01/11/2026

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2404.03	\$3155.58	-\$751.55
Ben	\$240.38	\$182.69	\$57.69
Maint	250.00	\$163.46	\$86.54
Mem			
Total	2894.41	\$3501.73	-\$607.32

Worship Attendance: 56

Sunday School: 23

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 & Bill Landis

Ushers: Alissa Wright & Carrie Croner

Acolytes: Avery & Isla Hillegas

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are 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

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 25th”

***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.***

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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.

Planning Meeting for Raised Bed Gardens TODAY!

Anyone interested in participating in the meeting it will be after worship in the Junior/Senior Sunday School room.

Trinity Ladies

Trinity Ladies will meet at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb 2, at Cup of Soul.

On Monday, Jan 26, at 9:00 a.m. we will be dipping pretzels in Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun!

We will be participating in the Cocoa Crawl on Sat., Feb 7, from 10 A.M. - noon. Children will be decorating heart sugar cookies and chocolate covered pretzel rods which will be available to purchase.

On behalf of the Children's Aid Society Foundation and The Children's Aid Home I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our Annual Red Stocking Campaign. This campaign provides much-needed resources for the children that we serve. Your donation goes directly to enriching the lives of the children, providing them with special programs and essential support for their overall health and well-being. Your support also ensures that the children experience the magic of the holiday season that creates lifelong memories. We are so fortunate and blessed each year to receive support from generous people that understand the mission and the work of The Children's Aid Home. Thank you again for helping us to make a lasting impact on the children in need.

Sincerely,

Larry Stormer

President, Children's Aid society Foundation

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

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.

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