

22nd Sunday After Pentecost
October 25, 2026

Guest Speaker: Steve Dinning
Assisted By: Kaitlyn Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin Pennsylvania

"Please silence your cell phone"

Preludes:

Celtic Blessing – Jeff Perks
Bread of the World in Mercy Broken – Gilbert Martin

Welcome
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

***Hymn No. 52** **O God Our Help In Ages Past**

Call to Confession

We are to love God with all that we are. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. In those commandments we struggle and fall short. Let us all call out for forgiveness.

Confession

Gracious and loving God we come to you in prayer. We come to you seeking forgiveness. Help us to always love you with our whole being. Help us to love our neighbors as our selves. Forgive us when we fall short of these commandments. Bless us with your Spirit so we want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gods love knows no end. Sending His Son to die for our sins offers us hope and Grace. Accept that love, and peace that it brings, and for that we all give God the Glory.

***Response 66** **To God Be The Glory**

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O

come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***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

God of love and wonder we humble ourselves before you. Bringing our offering to you we pray that you take these things we give and make them a blessing to many. That your will is done. We are thankful for the gifts you give to us. For the lives we live and the people you surround us with. We pray that you watch over us. That you provide mercy and comfort to those in need. That you restore and renew as only you can. Help us to always be grateful for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We offer to you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture lesson is from
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

1 And the Lord said to Moses,
2 "Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.
15 "You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.
16 You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand forth against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.
17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor, lest you bear sin because of him.
18 You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Epistle lesson is from First Thessalonians 2:1-8

1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain;
2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition.
3 For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile;
4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts.
5 For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness;
6 nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.
7 But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of Matthew 22:34-46

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together.
35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
38 This is the great and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
40 On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,
42 saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."
43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,
44 'The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
till I put thy enemies under thy feet'?
45 If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?"
46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Trinity Bells
"Speak O Lord"
"Church of God"

Message
"What Is Love"
Steve Dinning

***Hymn No. 354** **Leaning On the Everlasting Arms**

***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 **Holy, Holy, Holy – Anna Laura Page**

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Those Remembered in prayer:
God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:
Mary Jane Harding, Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Audrey Twombly

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Jeff Calvert, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour, Pastor Dave Creamer, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Judy DiPasquale, Cathy Engleka, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Shirley Gary, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Scott Helmick, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie, Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Tom Nicholson, Carl (Edison) Paul, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Allen Strasser, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tinkey, Lilly Truszka, Barbara and Peter Usher, Carl & Matthew Walker, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder

If you have any information on anyone on this list, please contact the office with updates.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday – Trinity Bells 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship – Guest Matt Wilder
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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: Bill Landis, Colton Custer (Pam Bush Assist)
Ushers: Bob Brown, Amy Saylor
Acolyte / Lector: Kaitlyn Miller
***Organ*:** Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are in honor of our children, Tyler, Kaitly, Teagan and Taelyn by Kevin Miller and Renee Gindlesperger

Special flowers on the altar in memory of Carl "Leroy" Clark by Ellie, Jason, Amy and Cohen Clark

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by
Dave Creamer, Pastor
Church Secretaries: Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr
Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger
Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick
Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas
Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel
Consistory Elders:
Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413
Jim Darr, 814-483-0957
Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324
Consistory Deacons:
Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas, Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor, Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday
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All Saints Sunday/Holy Communion – November 8th

Veterans Sunday – November 15th
If there are any changes or additions to the veterans or those currently in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 by October 25th, **TODAY** Thank you.

Adult Sunday School Update:
For the month of November, the Adult Sunday School Class will be looking at the three Fall Feasts of the Lord: Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles. Did you know that just as Passover is a foreshadowing of Christ on the cross, each of these festivals are foreshadowing's of Christ's second coming? It is so exciting to see how everything in the Old Testament points to Christ. Come and see for yourself!

Junior / Senior High Sunday School
Junior / Senior High Sunday School will meet every Sunday. We will be participating in the VBS Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday and the Lego Sunday School on the 4th Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, we will be studying our faith in Jesus and how to defend it (talk about it to others or apologetics). Please join us as we study how history and science prove Jesus.

Hugs & Kisses
Friday, November 20th 5 PM- Game Night at the church. H&K will provide pizza and those attending can bring snacks and drinks to share. This is for ALL ages, so bring your favorite board games and join us for fun and fellowship. Watch for a sign-up sheet so we know how much pizza to purchase.

Trinity Ladies
Thank you to everyone who participated by making or selling ham, green bean and potatoes for the "Echoes of our Town" event on October 18th. We had an awesome time of fun and fellowship and even made some money too! $380 net to be exact!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Cup of Soul. Our December meeting will be a Christmas celebration. The time and place will be announced so please watch the Sunday bulletin. Come join us as we serve Jesus!

Camp Living Waters Workday
It has been a busy fall with many user groups coming on weekends. We even had a few new groups finding how beautiful Living waters is.
Please keep in mind that November 7 is our fall workday at 8:00 a.m.. Our main project will be painting the back hallway of the dining hall and also the nurse's station. We are hoping to upgrade the restrooms in the dining hall this winter. There will also be some other small projects. All help is appreciated and lunch is provided.

Youth Rally is November 13-15 and after that we shut down the cabins for the winter as any groups coming will only use the lodge. We have received a grant from the Conservation District, and the property committee will be working with them to remove invasive species from the woods and establish pollinator gardens.
Again, thanks for your support and keep Living Waters in your prayers.

Thank You From Berlin Food Pantry
On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support. Your donations assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet withing the greater Berlin and Shanksville school districts. May God continue to share these blessings.

Thank You From Somerset County Search and Resue
Thank you for supporting the Somerset County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team. We would be able to serve Somerset County without the generosity of community members like you. Sincerely, The Members of SAR Team 400.

Gingerbread House Contest 🎄🏠
The Pius Spring Women's Club invites you to join our Gingerbread House Contest on November 21st! Individuals, families, friends, businesses, organizations, and groups are welcome to enter. Entry fee is $25, and entry forms are due November 1st. Prizes will be awarded.
Build it. Decorate it. Enter it. Let the community decide! 💚 🤍
Contact Lori Gindlesperger for application, gind1990@verizon.net

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be hosting an Apple Dumpling Social on November 7th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at 6872 Lincoln Hwy, Stoystown. Takeout Soup and Apple Dumplings will be available by preorder only. Quarts of Ham Pot Pie, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle, or Chili for $9.00. Apple Dumplings 2/$8.00. Contact Michelle at 814-442-9881 or mkimmel@comcast.net by October 31st to order. Pick up from 2:00-4:00 November 7th.

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.



Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Thank You For Joining Us
& Have A Blessed Week Ahead
God Bless You All