



***December 14, 2025***  
***“Children’s Christmas Program”***  
***Pastor Dave Creamer***

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

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

**Prelude:**

**Prelude on “Gloria” – Jason Payne  
Silent Night – Jason Payne**

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:**

**The Advent Candle of Joy:**

When God restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Our souls are filled with laughter, our mouths shout with Joy!**

Today our hearts overflow with gladness, not because all is right with the world,

**But because God does not leave us alone.**

We worship a God who is part of our lives, lifting the down hearted, filling the hungry with good things, setting us free,

**Gods light penetrates the darkness of fear, and defeats despair.**

Our God comes.

**And we rejoice.**

## **Lighting of The Joy Candle**

O God, you are the beacon from which all light shines, and we thank you for its warmth and healing, for all the ways you make life possible and even beautiful. Let us overflow with Joy. We pray this in the name of the light of the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## **The Annual Youth Christmas Extravaganza “Christmas Science”**

Dr. Hairball - Colton Custer

Dr. Lipschtick - Cora Wright

Dr. Liebchen - Cohen Clark

Gabriel - Matt Miller

Mary - Kaitlyn Miller

Herod - Ila Ebersole

Herod's Advisor - Lucy Wright

Joseph - Knox Stiffler

Simeon - Elizabeth Hart

Magi - Rylee Beckwith

Anna - Tatum Stiffler

3 Wise Men - Carter McClain, Caden McClain, Clayton Coulter

Shepherds - Carter McClain, Caden McClain, Cooper Hay, Tatum Stiffler, Easton Coulter, and Clayton Coulter

### **Hymns Included Within The Program**

No. 145            O Come All Ye Faithful

No. 133            Hark the Herald Angels Sing

No. 125            Joy to the World

Rainbow bells will be performing “O Little Town”  
and “O Holy Night”

### **Postlude**

**Fanfare on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**Dick Sanderman**

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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, Donna Schmuker,  
 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- 3rd Sunday of Advent  
 Children's Christmas Program  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice**

Next Sunday –4th Sunday of Advent  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 12/07/2025**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$4060.00	\$3155.58	\$904.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$280.00	\$182.69	\$97.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$255.00	\$163.46	\$91.54
<b>Mem</b>	.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$4595.00	\$3501.73	\$1093.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10 and Adopt-A-Family of \$50.

**Worship Attendance: 82**

**Sunday School: 21**

## **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:** Jim Darr, Bill Landis

**Ushers:** Amy and Jason Clark

**Acolytes:** Cohen Clark

**Organ:** Nancy Bittner

**Flowers on the altar are in memory of** his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor, sisters Mary, Phyllis and Helen, brother Richard and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barron by Karol Saylor

## ***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***

***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**

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.

### **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**

Will meet again on the first Monday of January. Details to follow.

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**December 14th- Youth Christmas Play "TODAY"**

**Adopt A Family**

You made Christmas a little bit brighter for 6 families and 13 children. God bless you all.

**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.

**“Our greatest natural resource is the minds  
of our children.” – Walt Disney**

Thank each and every one of you who were involved in the Christmas program today. You worked so hard to make this special for all of us to enjoy. You brought smiles to our faces and “JOY” to our hearts! Thank you so much.



# THIRD Sunday OF ADVENT

'REJOICE AND BE GLAD  
FOR JESUS WILL SOON BE BORN.'

- This candle has also been referred to as the “**Shepherds’ Candle**” or the candle of **JOY** as we collectively imagine what incredible joy these humble peasants must have felt when they were heralded by the angels with “Gloria in Excelsis Deo!”

*The Candle of Joy*

Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus’ birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn’t dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn’t depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

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