



***November 9, 2025
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by Vesper & Truitt Ogburn***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

**Prelude “Rally Around The Flag” – Berlin Fife & Drum Corps
I Vow To Thee My Country – Mary McDonald/Rick Kimmel**

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 Veterans Day**

***Hymn No. 572**

America The Beautiful

“Presentation of Veterans”

Sheron Engleka

“Special Performance Star Spangled Banner”

Rick Kimmel

“Video of Our Veterans”

Accompanied By Berlin Fife & Drum Corps

Call to Confession:

Drawn to salvation by a need. A need to be redeemed. Let us pray for a saving Grace.

Confession:

Heavenly Father Hear our prayer. We open our hearts and ask for forgiveness. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Bless us with the Grace that Jesus Provides. Sustain us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Grateful, blessed, and refreshed. Take heart and find joy in the gifts of God and the salvation his Son gives to each of us. For that we give God the Glory. Amen

***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"**

Performed by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps

**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. A blessed and grateful people. We pray that your will is done and that our offering is a blessing to many. We rejoice this day in remembrance of those who have served in our Armed Forces. Humbled by the sacrifice each Veteran made. Grateful for those who still serve today. We pray that we don't forget their sacrifice, that we may know and care for their needs. We pray that your presence is always amongst our military. Comforting, caring, and healing the wounds seen and unseen. Bless us all with your Spirit. Help us to be a productive people, a productive church. Putting your will into motion. Remembering Jesus command to love our neighbors. We offer to you the prayer Jesus gave to us:

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Old Testament Scripture

Exodus Chapter 3, vs 1-6

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I."

5 Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

The Epistle Lesson from Paul's Second Letter Thessalonians Chapter 2, vs 13-17

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ Luke Chapter 20, vs 27-40

27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection,

28 and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the wife and raise up children for his brother.

29 Now there were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children;

30 and the second

31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.

32 Afterward the woman also died.

33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage;

35 but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,

36 for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him.”

39 And some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”

40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Hymn No. 569

**Battle Hymn of the Republic
Performed by Berlin Fife & Drum Corps**

**Message
“For Some People it is too Simple”
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 571**

My Country Tis of Thee

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great
joy. To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

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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, Marcy Brick, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, 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,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship "Veterans Sunday"

OCC Packing Party

No Sunday School

Monday - 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - Bell Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday –23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 11/02/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3343.00	\$3155.58	\$187.42
Ben	\$240.00	\$182.69	\$57.31
Maint	\$1175.00	\$163.46	\$1011.54
Mem	\$150.00		\$150.00
Total	\$4908.00	\$3501.73	\$1406.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$1075 and Operation Christmas Child of \$290 and Adopt-A-Family of \$350.

Worship Attendance: 99

Sunday School: 37

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: Jean Ann Darr, Pam Bush

Ushers: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolytes: Maelyn & Mason Fochtman

Organ: Rick Kimmel

Flowers on the altar are in memory of Carl Saylor by Craig & Amy Saylor.

Special flowers for Sheron Engleka in appreciation for her dedication to the Veterans Day program.

Special flowers and Bulletin in honor of military service by the members of our family: James R McCullen, U.S Army (WW2), Larry W. McCullen, Jr., U.S. Navy, Master Chief Kenneth A. Janicki, U.S. Coast Guard Retired, Joshus L. Janicki, PA National Guard, Army, Captain Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army, Fort Cavazoa, TX by Larry & Judy McCullen.

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 from the Berlin Food Pantry for your financial support . This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School District.

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 9th- OCC Packing Party after church

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 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

JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events Community Bingo Nights

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: [facebook.com/jbschrockplayground](https://www.facebook.com/jbschrockplayground)

Email: jbschrockplayground@gmail.com

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

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 will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Sermon Notes

Lord, we dedicate this week into Your hands. Bless every day with Your presence, guide our steps, and make our plans fruitful. Protect us from harm and fill our heart with peace and joy. Thank You for being with us in all things. May this week bring glory to Your name and reflect Your goodness in every way. Amen.



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