



*December 28, 2025*

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

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

## **Prelude: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Olive Russell Silent Night – Charles Callahan**

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: From Psalm 96;**

A new morning is broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us. Let us worship God together.

#### **Thanks be to God!**

Sing to the lord a new song, sing to the lord all the Earth!

**Sing to the lord; bless his name, tell the world of his salvation  
on this new day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all people.

**Great is the lord our God, and greatly to be praised!**

**Honor and Majesty are before him, strength and beauty fill his  
Sanctuary.**

#### **Hymn No. 152**

#### **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

#### **Call to confession:**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

#### **Confession:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We sinn in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us , renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow your ways, to the Glory of your Holy Name.**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

In Jesus Christ, God Knows and receives us as we are. Listen,  
Give thanks, and live.

**\*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. A thankful people. Sharing some of our gifts we ask that you use them to do your will. We pray dear Lord that you help us. Help us to love you with all of our being. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Help us to live a life guided by our faith anchored by your steadfast will. Though the world may persecute us for being Christians we pray that you bless it and bring it peace as only you

can. We bring to you our concerns, worries, and our fears. We pray for the peace and comfort of your love that surpasses all understanding. We pray for our loved ones, those on our prayer list, those that are forgotten. We pray for your healing presence, your guiding comfort, and a healing that only you can offer. We ask that you bless us with your spirit. That your presence be with us in your church, our homes, at school and work. Guide us to do your will. We are grateful for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. His prayer we offer to you now;

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from  
Isaiah Chapter 63, vs 7-9**

**7** I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,  
the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
which he has granted them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

**8** For he said, Surely they are my people,  
sons who will not deal falsely;  
and he became their Savior.

**9** In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**The Epistle lesson is from  
The Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2, vs 10-18**

**10** For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**11** For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren,  
**12** saying,

“I will proclaim thy name to my brethren,  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise thee.”

**13** And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

**14** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

**16** For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham.

**17** Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people.

**18** For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the book of Matthew Chapter 2, vs 13-23**

**13** Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

**14** And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt,

**15** and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.”

**16** Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

**17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

**18** “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled,  
because they were no more.”

**19** But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

**20** “Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”

**21** And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

**22** But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

**23** And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**Hymn No. 163**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

**Message  
“Prophecy Today”  
Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 145**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**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**

**Carillon On “Come, All Ye Shepherds – Gordon Young**

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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, 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

## Giving From 12/24/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2595.00	\$3155.58	-\$560.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$100.00	\$182.69	-\$82.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$5.00	\$163.46	-\$158.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$2700.00	\$3501.73	-\$801.73

Not included in Benevolence, Donations to Food Pantry of \$5 and The Christmas Fund of \$730.

## **Worship Attendance: 113**

### ***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:** Colton Custer, Jim Darr

**Ushers:** Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

**Acolytes:** Nathan Spangler

**Organ:** Jean Ann Darr

**Flowers:** Dale Gindlesperger

***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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***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**

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at Cup of Soul. Please remember if school is cancelled, (snow day or virtual day), we will not meet. Have a joyous Christmas. Hope to see you in January!

## **Blood Drive**

Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Berlin Community Veterans Home Social Hall, 419 Meadow St., Berlin. Sponsored by the Berlin Lions Club and Berlin Veterans Home.

## **Trinity Trumpet**

Normally we would be publishing the newsletter this week, however, in an effort to provide you with year end accounts, the newsletter will be going out the following week. We encourage all committees to prepare a summary of 2025 within your perspective groups. If anyone has anything they would like to share coming into the New Year, please submit it to the office as soon as possible. Again, this is **your** newsletter, and we would love to hear from you!

**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.

## Sermon Notes:



### ☀ A Prayer for the Coming New Year

Heavenly Father,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we thank You for the gift of life, for the lessons of the past, and for the hope that lies ahead.

Bless our hearts with peace, our minds with wisdom, and our hands with purpose. Guide our steps so that we walk in kindness, speak with love, and act with integrity.

May this year be filled with opportunities to grow, moments to cherish, and courage to face challenges with faith. Protect our loved ones, heal the brokenhearted, and bring light to places of darkness.

Lord, help us to trust Your plan, even when the path is unclear, and to rejoice in Your goodness every day.

Amen. ☀

**Thank You for Joining Us  
“Happy New Year”  
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**