



***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision – Fred Bock
More Love To Thee O Lord – Mark Hays

Announcements

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 138

Give thanks to God with all our heart.

We sing praises to God before all the world!

We give thanks for steadfast love and faithfulness.

We lift our voices and give God thanks!

Great is the Glory of our God.

The Lord our God will fulfill his purpose for us, his steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn No. 382**

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession

Paul tells us in Corinthians that we should understand the good news. Not to believe in vain, but to seek forgiveness.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us. Bless us with your unending Grace. Take away the guilt and fear sin creates. Guide us with your Spirit, help us to do your will, to love one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's forgiveness comes to those that believe. Those that ask are lifted up. A peace that surpasses understanding comes to those that seek God's Grace. For that we should always rejoice.

**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 offer to you a measure of what you give to us. We pray that you can use our time, talents, and resources to fulfill your will. We pray that the world knows you, and that your presence brings it peace and hope. We pray that your Spirit is at work here in our community and homes, that our families are blessed and that you help us to be a fruitful people, doing your will. We pray that you watch over and care for our military and first responders. Keep them safe as they watch over us. We pray for our brothers and sisters on our prayer list. We pray for those shut in by weather and health. Please care for them as only you can. Heal them in heart, mind, and body. Let them feel your steadying presence. We pray that you care for your children that hide from you, turn away from your

shining face, don't think they need you. Help the care givers. Help them to be strong and patient, dedicated and gentle. Strengthen them in their task. We are thankful most of all for your Son Jesus Christ. His sacrifice our greatest gift. We offer to you the prayer he taught to us;

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Scripture:

Isaiah 6, vs 1 to 13

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven."

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people:
'Hear and hear, but do not understand;
see and see, but do not perceive.'

10 Make the heart of this people fat,
and their ears heavy,
and shut their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed."

11 Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said:

“Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,

and houses without men,

and the land is utterly desolate,

12 and the Lord removes men far away,

and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 And though a tenth remain in it,

it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak,

whose stump remains standing

when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

Epistle:

First Corinthians 15, vs 1 to 11

1 Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand,

2 by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel:
Luke 5, vs 1-11

- 1 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.
- 2 And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.
- 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
- 4 And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
- 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."
- 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking,
- 7 they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.
- 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
- 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken;
- 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men."
- 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Hymn No. 307

Send The Light

Sermon

"Mirical Worker, Son of God, Savior of all... and Fisherman"

Dave Creamer

Hymn No. 213

Because He Lives

***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

Trumpet Tune – Jeff Perks

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Mary Forespring, Mary Jane Harding,
Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine
Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,

Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen Janicki,
Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister,
Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Cathy Meyers,
Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie
Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke
Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick
Work, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

Prayer Calls:

In the upcoming newsletter we will be announcing a "One Call Now" test date. We will be sending out a one call at a specified time. Please let us know if you do NOT receive this call so that we can investigate our database. More information to follow.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 5h Sunday after Epiphany & Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – 7:00 Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 6th Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Hugs & Kisses Fellowship Brunch

Giving From 02/02/25

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3057.00	\$3155.58	-\$98.58
Ben	\$335.00	\$182.69	\$152.31
Maint	\$250.00	\$163.46	\$86.54
Mem	\$.00		\$.00
Total	\$3642.00	\$3501.73	\$140.27

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$560

Worship Attendance: 75
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

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Pam Bush & Lori Gindlesperger

Ushers: Jeanne Hillegas, Allen Strasser

Acolytes: Cohen Clark, Liz Hart

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar in memory of Richard and Rheta Hillegas by Russ and Jeanne Hillegas

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, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Trip to Sight and Sound

There are **2** tickets available for the show June 26th, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending contact Vanessa Gardner, vgard59@gmail.com, reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

Sunday School

Who is God?

A true, intimate relationship with God is not based on our own ideas about what God is like. If we really desire to know God, we must approach Him based on the knowledge of who He reveals Himself to be in His Word. Join Dr. Steven J. Lawson in this in-depth study as he articulates a biblical understanding of fifteen

divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. This 16-week adult Sunday School series will begin on December 22nd and be led by Sue Coughenour.

The Souper Bowl Competition ends today. There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game and regain our #1 spot as we lost it last year. The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January and the two Sundays in February before the actual Super Bowl. If making monetary donations, please mark your envelope "Souper Bowl" and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

Food Pantry

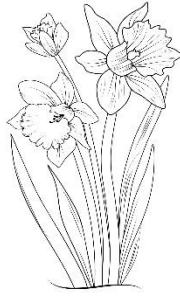
Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. Bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled.

Meals on Wheels of Somerset County needs volunteers to deliver meals in Berlin and the surrounding area on Mondays. If you would be interested and want more information, contact Meals on Wheels at 814-443-2787 or Rose Shaffer, Berlin driver coordinator, at 814-267-5310.



Hugs & Kisses – February 16th Please Sign Up

Hugs & Kisses will be hosting a brunch after church. This will be a potluck for EVERYONE!!! There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance. Please come and fellowship with us! There will be no Sunday school on that date.



This year we will be participating in the **Somerset County Blooms of Hope Daffodil Fundraiser**. All monies raised are used to support Somerset County cancer patients. A bunch of daffodils is \$10 and a pot of mini daffodils is \$12. A signup sheet is posted at the Vine St. entrance. Orders are due by Sunday, February 23rd. Checks payable to "Blooms of Hope". Checks can be given to Amanda Custer or turned in at the church office by this date so that orders can be placed on time. Daffodils will be available at the church on Sunday, March 23rd. Any questions contact Amanda Custer at 814-483-4283. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause!

Newsletter



Our newsletter is scheduled to be published in the beginning week of February 18th. We encourage you to submit your articles, information, events, praises, comments, cheers and jeers. This is your newsletter, and it would be very helpful for you to participate and/or let us know what you would like to see published. Please let us know by way of email, letters or calls to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

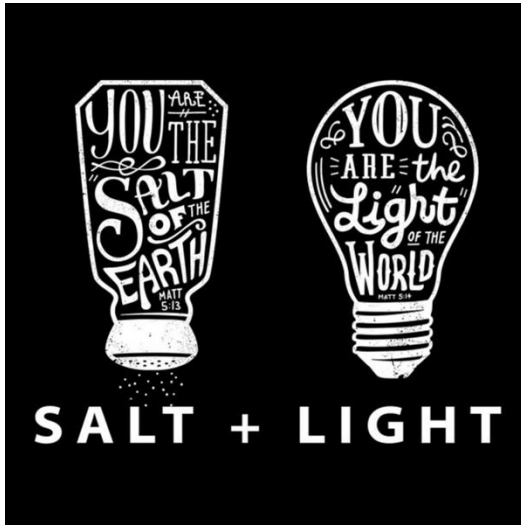
Berlin Community Ladies Bible Study

Beginning February 4th at Cup of Soul. Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. For more information, please contact Gail Stolfus 814-279-4089 or Jeannette Landis 814-267-3020.

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

Information For Newsletter



**We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.**

We are the salt of the earth.

**We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.**

We are the light of the world.

**We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.**

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

**Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.**

**Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

Have a Blessed Week!!