



***Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024
Our Children's Christmas Program***

Student Pastor - Dave Creamer

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

Prelude

Festivity on “Here We Come A-Caroling
Douglas Wagner
Toccatina on “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”
Douglas Wagner

Announcements

Welcome and Announcements:

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

***Call to Worship**

The time is drawing near. God’s marvelous light is about to pour fourth into the world’s dim shadows.

Turn your face towards us Heavenly Father. Surround us with your holy presence.

We remember how your Holy Spirit came to the young woman, Mary. We remember how she opened her heart and life to your holy will.

Help us to prepare our hearts and lives to receive you, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, this is the season of ripping winds, driving snow, and freezing cold. For many, this is the season of glowing faces and hot cocoa. This is the season of preparation for receiving the Christ child among us. How grateful we are that, of all the possible gifts, you offer us Emmanuel, a gift of your presence. Loving God, in this season of evergreens and ornaments, we sense the spirit in our lives. We pray that, by your grace, we may develop a faith that is ever-living, faith that is always more than ornamental. As we await the One born to be with us, enable us to grow in appreciation of our own humanity, made in your image. You have granted us wonderous capabilities for generosity and forgiveness, laughter, and love. God our Creator, thanks be to you. Amen

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Joy to the world! We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace, In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of hope and peace bringing us a quite Joy.

Joy to the Earth, the savior reigns.

Let our songs employ!

Let us sing the glory of God.

Let us sing out the name of Christ!

Let all heaven and Nature sing.

Today we light the candle of Joy.

Call to Confession:

Holy God, as Christmas draws near, there is a sense of excitement in the air. We feel the Joy in our lives and see it in those around us. Help us to have the joy that does not depend on earthly things but on you. Over fill us with joy so that we may share it with a world in need. Amen.

Enjoy our “Children’s Program”

“Joy Story”

Joy Story is about the joy Jesus brings us.

Youth Singing

The Twelve Toys of Christmas

Youth & Congregation No. 123

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Youth Rainbow Bells

Angels We Have Heard on High

Youth Rainbow Bells

Joy to the World

Youth & Congregation No. 133

Hark the Herald Angels

Youth Singing

Go Tell It in the Play Room

Cast:

Mandy - A little girl - Cora Wright
Dad - Mandy's father - Matt Miller
Buddy - A cowboy toy - Cohen Clark
Shiloh Dog - A toy dog - Lucy Wright
Ham Salad - A sci fi posable action figure collectible - Colton Custer
Pig - A piggy bank - Jack Parish
Princess Elsie - An ice princess - Kaitlyn Miller
Penguin - Rylee Beckwith
Cowboy - Elizabeth Hart
Bo-Peep - Makenna Tataleba
T-Rex - Caden McClain
Shark - Carter McClain

Stage Crew & Set Design - Nathan Spangler

Thank you all for your hard work and taking the time to share this program with all of us!
You are all truly a blessing!

***Every child born into the world is a new thought of God,
an ever fresh and radiant possibility.***



With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

***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**

Offering Prayer:

Heavenly Father, grant that the gifts we have placed on your altar this morning may be an accurate expression of the deep appreciation we feel toward our only Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

***Hymn No. 135**

While Shepherds Watch

***Benediction**

Go in peace to "love" and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**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

**Recessional on "I Saw Three Ships"
Douglas Wagner**

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, 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, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick, Don Gary, 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, JoAnne Smith, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 3rd Sunday of Advent & Christmas Play

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent & Trinity Bells

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 12/8/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3339.00	\$3155.58	\$183.42
Ben	\$250.00	\$182.69	\$67.31
Maint	\$175.00	\$163.46	\$11.54
Mem	\$250.00		\$250.00
Total	\$4014.00	\$3501.73	\$512.27

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry of \$15, Adopt a Family of \$965 and Operation Christmas Child \$100.

Worship Attendance: 66

Sunday School: 29

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(Board), Tom Croner(Camera)

Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Alyssa Wright

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Flowers on the altar in memory of her husband Carl, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor, sisters, Mary Phyliss and Helen, brother Richard; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barron and her sister Kay Barnard by Karol Saylor.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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A Big Thank You to all who visited and sent cards to my mother and us during her recent illness and passing. Your support and concerns are greatly appreciated, Kathy Spangler and family.

Thank You Trinity Church Family for the phone prayer requests, the calls, cards and prayers for my health issues. I'm doing well and Larry is strengthened by all the loving support. Judy McCullen

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.

Glade One-Room Schoolhouse Historic Christmas Tours

Sunday, December 15th, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm and 8:00 pm. Parking at Unity UCC, 2074 Huckleberry Hwy, Berlin. Parking will also be available by the schoolhouse for those who need easier access.

Bring the whole family to experience Christmas that would have been celebrated in the early 1900's hosted by the Berlin Area Historical Society! Unity UCC will have some time period activities with refreshments in the social hall between tour times. You will walk with a guide from the church to the one-room schoolhouse at the times designated above to immerse yourself in a Christmas celebration from the past with a real decorated tree, caroling, and traditions that would have taken place! There will be a fire started in the schoolhouse in the potbelly stove but be sure to dress for the weather. No registration is required for this free event! Take a step back in time and appreciate the history of this building while learning about old Christmas traditions.

Children and teens of all ages are needed to help with tours, refreshments, activities and more. Contact Dave Creamer if you are interested in helping.

Contact Leanne Calvert 814-341-0589 or Tine Hillegass 814-442-3094 with questions.

Adopt A Family is having a **Wrapping Party**, tomorrow, Monday December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please bring scissors, tape and wrapping paper.

The Trinity Bells will be playing next Sunday, December 22nd and at the Christmas Eve service.

Birthright Christmas Tree

Once again, we will be sponsoring the Birthright Christmas Tree. It will be located in Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to look at it and see if there is some way you can help those in need.

Hurricane Donations

The Berlin Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are seeking nonperishable food donations for holiday dinners and very gently used or brand-new toys for Christmas gifts for Hurricane Helene victims. For just a minute, put yourself in their shoes, what would make the holidays a little brighter for you? Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 8th. Donations can be placed in the donation box at the Vine Street entrance. Thank you.

The Souper Bowl Competition is underway. 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.

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

Sunday, January 12th - 6:00 p.m. Game Night. Bring your favorite family board games and a snack/drink to share. This is for ALL ages so come join in on the fun!

Saturday, January 27th, at 7 PM, the Youth group has organized a group event to the Johnstown Tomahawks Faith and Family night for anyone who is interested. They have created us a group ticket ordering link so you can order your own tickets, and we will all be put in the same section together for the hockey game. The link is <https://fervo-enterprise.com/event/trinityunitedgroup>

If you have any trouble – email Amanda Custer at amb00rn@yahoo.com and I can send you the link via email if interested. This is open to anyone from our church, friends, and family who want to attend. Tickets are \$13.12 with taxes/fees included. Also Friday, February 9th at 6:30 PM will be family game night in our church basement. This is for ALL AGES, so bring your favorite game and a snack and come join in some fun and fellowship.

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.

Prayer for Third Advent

*Lord God, may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation and celebrate
that feast with love and thanksgiving.*

*We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.*

Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!!