



***Christmas Eve At Trinity
Student Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by Cohen Clark
December 24, 2024***

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

Prelude

**Prelude on "Gloria" – Jason Payne
Silent Night – Jason Payne**

Welcome:

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

Announcements:

***Call to Worship**

We begin our advent season with Hope.

Hope that Christ will come.

We seek the Peace that the season will offer.

Peace that Christ will bring.

The Joy of the season shines in our hearts.

Joy that Christ will Bring.

Love, Gods Love for us and this world is what this season is about.

Love that Jesus Christ will Bring!

***Hymn No. 132**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Call to Confession:

We hear the stories of shepherds and magi, of maidens and carpenters, of prophets and angels, and we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. God sent his Son here, to be born into this human existence. Fragile and weak, he shared our wants and needs, joined us in our common lot. Our salvation comes on this holy night.

Confession:

Dear God, on this night we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let the power of Christ come into our hearts that we might find peace with him forever. Let there be Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, and goodwill to all. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Tonight, our Faith is renewed. We ask for the gift grace, and as we open the present the presence of God shines on our faces. All that are meek and lowly and humble, in us and all creation, receive the Holy Gift of God's Love.

Lighting of the Christ Candle!

For unto us a child is given, unto us a savior is born. With the birth of Christ our lives are centered, focused, turned toward God. We light this Candle because Christ is the center of our lives.

Dear God, who comes to us in Jesus, on this night we celebrate his birth, let the power of Christ come into our hearts that we might find peace with you forever. Amen

***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, tonight we sing with Angels, stand in awe with Shepards, and offer to you our gifts like wise men from the east. We celebrate the gift of your son Jesus. We rejoice with gladness. You give us so much to be grateful for. Help us to make room in our hearts for the peace, joy, and love your Son brings to us. Help us to share our gifts as Jesus taught us to do. We offer to you the prayer Jesus first taught us.

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

**Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Trinity Bells

**Angel Tidings
Glory to the Newborn King**

Scripture:

Psalm 97

1 The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

2 Clouds and thick darkness are round about him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him,
and burns up his adversaries round about.

4 His lightnings lighten the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of thy judgments, O God.

9 For thou, O Lord, art most high over all the earth;
thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Epistle

Titus 3: 4-7

4 but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

5 he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit,

6 which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

1In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

2This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

7 And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

10 And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;

11 for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child;

18 and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

19 But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Trinity Bells

Peace on Earth

**Sermon:
“Air BnB”**

Student Pastor – Dave Creamer

***Candle Lighting Hymn No. 147**

Silent Night, Holy Night

***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.**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

Joy to the World – Diane Bish

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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, 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

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: Pam Bush & Tom Croner

Acolytes: Cohen Clark

Ushers: John Wisler, Bob Brown

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

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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.

Thank You to all the youth that participated in the Christmas Program last Sunday and Lucy Wright for playing the piano during announcements prior to the Service.

Thank You for the recent donation for Living Waters Camp & Conference Center to support the Youth Rally. It is through wonderful partners like yourselves that we are able to continue outdoor ministry at an affordable price. With your help we are able to touch the lives of children and youth and bring them to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. In Appreciation, Rev Jay Shaffer

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.

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.

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!

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.

Poinsettias On the Altar

In memory of Ed & Etta Landis, and Taylor Landis by Barb and Bill Landis. (2 Marble Med)

In memory of Frank and Ruth Ream and Frank Ream Jr., by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco.

In memory of John and Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco.

In honor of everyone who helped make our church beautiful, Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco. (Small - Red, White, Pink)

In memory of Marlin, Linda and Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer. (1 Pink Med)

In honor of our daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Glen Wagner and in memory of daughters, Joyce Custer and Jane Countryman Emerick by Don and Nancy Custer. (1 Pink Small)

To the Glory of God by Bob & Carol Brown (1 White Small)

In memory of Carl and Kay Barnard by Karol Saylor.
(1 Red Large)

In memory of my husband Tom Bush by Pam Bush. (1 Red Small)

In memory of Carl Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family

In memory of Charles and Mary Smith, and Phillip Henry and Mary Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family

In memory of Frank Ream Jr. by Nancy Bittner
(3 Red Small) (2 Marble Small)

In honor of our family and in memory of our parents by Mark and Lori Gindlesperger. (1 Jingle Med)

In honor of parents and grandparents, Walter and Myra Miller by Renee, Tyler and Kaitlyn Gindlesperger.

In honor of parents and grandparents, Lloyd and Susan Miller by Kevin, Teagan and Taelyn Miller. (1 Marble Small)
(1 Jingle Small)

In memory of Frank and Betty Meyers, by Cathy Meyers.
(1 Pink Large)

In memory of the Zimmerman Family by Allison Zimmerman.
(1 Red Small)





Have a Blessed Christmas!