

Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin, Pennsylvania
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020
The Worship of God at 8 and 9:30 o'clock

PRAISE

Music of Gathering

Veni Emmanuel - Arr. H. Hopson

Call to Worship

We gather in preparation
for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation
for joy is about to explode in our midst.

We gather in celebration
**for we are those people who have said
yes to the manger,
yes to love enfleshed,
yes to the one incarnate for others,
yes to the wholeness of God.**

With preparation and in expectation, let us
celebrate!

The Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Isaiah 11:1-3*

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him ---

The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

The Spirit of counsel and of power,

*The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the
Lord---*

And He will delight in the fear of the Lord.

We light these candles as a sign of our waiting
and love for the coming Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

O God, you give us your good news
and call us into a new covenant relationship
with you. Help us to prepare the way of the
Lord Jesus Christ. Let the valleys be lifted up!
**Draw us away from degrading thoughts and
actions, and lift from us depressions and
worry.**

[*Silent prayer*]

Through humble people, prepare your world, O
God. Let the mountains be leveled off!

**End our pride and take away our arrogance:
save us from false hope and unwarranted
presumption.** [*Silent prayer*]

Through faithful people, prepare your world, O
God. Let the crooked be made straight!

**Forgive our sin, and pardon our
wrongdoing; defeat evil and overcome the
power of death.**

[*Silent prayer*]

Through saved people, prepare your world, O
God.

Let the rough be made smooth!
**Help us grow in understanding,
and give us wisdom to discern that which is
good and true.**

[*Silent prayer*]

Through sanctified people, prepare your world,
O God. Let all people see the salvation of our
God.

**Redeem your world, and make all things
new, and bring us into your holy and
perfect presence, now and for all eternity.**

[*Silent prayer*]

Keep us humble and faithful.

Save us and sanctify us, O God.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our
Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

From the Book of Hebrews Hebrews 7:17-22

¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment
is set aside because of its weakness and
uselessness ¹⁹(for the law made nothing

perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’ ”

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Speaking to the Child Within Us All
Renee Gindlesperger

Proclamation of God’s Word “PD”
“What’s in A Name?”
Our Surety

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Morning Prayer
Our Savior’s Prayer [using debts and debtors]

The Saints in Action

***Christmas Carol**
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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This Week at Trinity

Wed. Handbell Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

Thank you for your generous gifts for this Mission project. We were able to provide gifts for 14 children. Thank you to Julie Petro for arranging for this ministry.

The New Organ is “here” this morning. Due to the mid-week snow storm there had to be adjustments made for its delivery.

A very special thank you to Jason Clark who designed and built the audio frame for the placement of the audio divisions of the organ. The framework will be covered in a special speaker grill cloth after Christmas.

Important Dates Upcoming:

December 24 – Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Service with Light
10:40 p.m. Festive Organ Prelude
11:00 p.m. Festival Service with Light

Christmas Eve at Trinity – we will have two services [5 and 11] at Trinity this year with one significant change – for Candlelighting we will be using LED Candles that will be taken home with the participant following worship.

Birthright’s Annual Giving Tree Fundraiser is going on now! Pick an ornament from the paper tree located in fellowship hall, purchase the item, and return it to the bin. The fundraiser will run through the end of the year.

Invitation to the Virtual Berlin Brethren Adult Handbell Concert! “Join us online at 7 PM, December 23rd for our official launch of our concert”. Can’t make it then? You may watch anytime at your convenience by going to the Berlin Brethren YouTube channel or the link on their Facebook page.

The Consistory Makes the following announcement:

Following worship on Christmas Eve the Trinity Church building will be closed through January 18, 2021. This decision was not taken lightly, rather in response to the rising COVID-19 cases in our community. It was thought best to make sure that we were helping to “flatten the curve” rather than taking a risk of being a “super spreader” of the virus. Pastor Dave will be providing a family worship booklet that will arrive later this week in the mail.

Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Evelyn Hillegass, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Charlie Will.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Hunter Cornell, Lester Coslic, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, Shellby Custer, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Lee LaBute, Brenda Leister, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Morgan Twombly, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

Lester Coslic is now at the Crichton Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown. For those of you who would like to send him a card the address is 320 Main St., Johnstown PA 15901. Please send the cards directly to him.

Last Week’s Giving:

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3,545.00	\$2,860.60	\$684.40
Ben	\$218.00	\$208.27	\$9.73
Maint	\$235.00	\$163.46	\$71.54
Organ	\$5,125.00		
Total	\$9,123.00	\$3,232.33	\$765.67

Benevolence includes Adopt-A-Family & Food Pantry.
Thank you for your giving to Trinity Church!

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 Morning Worship

Sound: Alan Brick, Tom Croner

Record of Our Faithfulness – Worship: 56

The Flowers on the altar in memory of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saylor; sisters Mary, Phyllis and Helen; brother Richard; and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barron by Carl & Karol Saylor.

The Bulletins are in honor of the graduation of our grandson, 2nd Lieutenant Joshua L. Janicki, U.S. Army from the Army Logistics Basic Officers Leadership Course at the Army Logistics University, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Lee, VA, **and** his 1st command assignment at Fork Polk by Judy and Larry McCullen.

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A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 90

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
 3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
 4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here, un -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, and
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to Thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851

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MUSIC: Ancient plainsong, 13th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

165 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown when Thou
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, pro -
 3. The fox - es found rest and the birds their nest in the
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing Word that should
 5. When the heav - ens shall ring, and the an - gels sing, at Thy

cam - est to earth for me; but in Beth - le - hem's home there was
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; but in low - ly birth Thou didst
 shade of the for - est tree; but Thy couch was the sod, O Thou
 set Thy peo - ple free; but with mock - ing scorn, and with
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,

found no room for Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty:
 come to earth, and in great hu - mil - i - ty:
 Son of God, in the des - ert of Gal - i - lee:
 crown of thorn, they bore Thee to Cal - va - ry:
 "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee."

1-4. O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for Thee.
 5. My heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, when Thou com - est and call - est for me!

WORDS: Emily E. S. Elliott, 1864 (Luke 2:7)
MUSIC: Timothy R. Matthews, 1876

MARGARET
Irregular