

Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin, Pennsylvania
The First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020
The Worship of God at 8 and 9:30 o'clock

PRAISE

Music of Gathering *Antioch* – arr. V. Fox

Call to Worship

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our

Redeemer; from generation to

generation God gives mercy.

– based on Luke 1:46-50

***The Carol**

Joy to the World!

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 this candle as a sign of our waiting

and hope for the coming Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

Arise, shine: for your light has come.

O God, we live as if the light

had never defeated the darkness in

the world or in us.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

We confess that we ignore the Christ

you sent to be among us, to be in us.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory

will be seen upon you.

We've kept the birth of your Son

confined to the Christmas season

**and do not yearn for his birth each
moment in our waiting hearts.**

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Lord, you came to us in the fullness
of time. Forgive us for not opening**

**our eyes to your coming. It's time
that we prepare for your coming.**

**Let the earth ring with song. Let the
light break forth. Let us all rejoice in**

**the miracle of love. Let Christ come
into the fullness of our time. Amen.**

—based on Isaiah 60:1-3

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

St. Matthew 2:19-23

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the

Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

²⁰ saying, "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 was reigning 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 he went and lived in a

city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken

by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would

be called a Nazarene.

Speaking to the Child Within Us All

Jim Darr

Proclamation of God's Word

"PD"

"What's In A Name?"

The Nazarene

***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 *In the Bleak Midwinter

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Going Forth**

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

Trinity Church has been asked to “Adopt 14” Children this Christmas Season. Gifts for this important ministry may be marked on your offering envelope. Trinity will be working with Santa's Workshop in this endeavor. We will be responsible for the practical needs of each child while the Workshop will provide the toy/game/ etc. Gifts will be received through December 6th.

Community Events in Berlin

Drive Through Bethlehem will be at the Borough Lot on today beginning at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Our own Russ Hillegas will be participating in this event!

Cars should enter from Main Street onto Meadow Street. There will be people directing traffic on Meadow and Mulberry streets. The plan is to have cars park at the community building lot and remain in the cars. The traffic directors will motion when cars can move in line to go through the Drive Through.

Annual Congregational Meeting – December 6th – 9 a.m.

The Consistory calls for the Annual Meeting of the Trinity Church for December 6 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. The following matters are on the agenda at this time:

1. Election of Consistory Members. Slate Proposed:
Thomas Calvert
Deborah Boyer
Gaye Maust
Amy Clark
2. Recommendation to hire S&S Paving to replace the parking area between the church and parsonage at a cost of \$20,000.00. Funds to be taken from Bequest Interest Account.
3. Approval of the General, Benevolence, and Building Maintenance Budgets.
4. Affirm Ministry Sharing with Zion Lutheran on an ongoing basis.

Important Dates Upcoming:

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
**December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent –
Communion**
Annual Congregational Meeting – 9 a.m.
December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
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.

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, 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, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Dalton & Julie Paul, Bobbi Robertson, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Morgan Twombly, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.

Last Week's Giving:

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1105.00	\$2,860.60	-\$1755.60
Ben	\$195.00	\$208.27	-\$13.27
Maint	\$190.00	\$163.46	\$26.54
Organ	\$5.00		
Total	\$1495.00	\$3,232.33	-\$1742.33

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: Cindy Flamm, Lori Gindlesperger

Record of Our Faithfulness – Worship: 44

The Flowers on the altar in honor of her parents and in memory of her grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

A Place Where Life and Faith Meet!

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

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Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

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299 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

In the Bleak Midwinter

F F/A F Dsus Dm Gm/Bb Dm7/A Gm7 C7

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

F F/A F Dsus Dm Gm7/Bb C7 F

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Bb/D F Bb/D F7/C Bb Dm F/A Am Gm/Bb Bbmaj7 C

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter, a sta - ble - place suf - ficed,
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

F F/A F Dsus Dm Gm7/Bb C7 F

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.