

Trinity United Church of Christ
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September 27, 2026

9:30am Worship



Contact the Independent Living
Program Specialist with questions
or for more information at
717-337-0110

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

Please stand as you are able; **BOLD print - congregational response*

**All words provided on the screen*

Donates all who are able, please stand. Congregational Responses are printed in **bold.*

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

You are welcome here!

Let us worship together in the name of the triune God,

The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

PRELUDE "Our Great Savior"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in in.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before God, our Maker.

Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (*insert*)

* PRAYER

God of so many names, you command us to come to you, yet we are doubtful of our abilities to make the journey. We are so uncertain of our steps, yet we long to have the faith in ourselves that you have in us. Be with us and embolden us through faith to rise as we are called to walk with you and walk alongside those who need companionship. Show us how to be children of God who can set skepticism down and take up the mantle of faithful presence. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #505 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (V1)

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids we at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.*

*In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life,
but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways.**

Our successes leave us empty, our progress does not satisfy.

Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing.

**Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others,
and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us;**

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins
and has promised to bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Standin’ in The Need of Prayer”

Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

¹²In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt,
in the fields of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

¹⁴In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

¹⁵He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

¹⁶He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

MESSAGE

"Adams County Independent Living Program"

Kathy Clark

HYMN **"Halle, Halle, Halle"** *(Remain seated) (insert)*

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 The New Creed**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

**to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

As we celebrate our gifts may we do so knowing
that in and through God, all things are possible.

May our generosity ensure this to be true.

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE #785 - Doxology**

*We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts
that they might be a blessing to all creation. Amen.**

***HYMN "Onward Christian Soldiers" (insert)**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Nearer My God To Thee"

Members of Job's Daughters

***POSTLUDE**

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Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from: *Gifts in Open Hands*. Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Eddy. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2011. **And from:** The New Century Hymnal. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 1995.

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PRELUDE: *Our Great Savior*. Tune by Rowland H. Prichard. Arranged by Carolyn M. Taylor. Arrangement Copyright 2001 by Pilot Point Music.

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our children & grandchildren by Sandy & Tom Busche.

CONDOLENCES: **Don Blevins died Monday, September 21st at UPMC York.** Celebration of Life will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 28th here at Trinity. Private Interment will be Tuesday at Beaver Springs, PA. Please keep Cindy, Adam, Dave and the Blevins family in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST: Available in the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed from the list.

USHERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER – please sign up in Gathering Area.

ALTAR CARE: “*A few good people*” are needed to Care for the Altar to prepare communion, change paraments and candles and order Altar Flowers. Please Nancy MacMeekin 717-334-2111

BLESSING ROOM – Monday, September 28th – 11:00am-1:00pm. The shelves are AGAIN empty. We still have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste, but everything else is gone. **Please keep the donations coming.** This is a much needed ministry in our community. **REMEMBER! If you use it, they do too!** From the Social Concerns Committee

DINNER CHURCH – Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30pm – A gathering where all the most important things happen at the table. Please bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger group. No reservations needed. Just show up with food.

FOOD SAFETY CLASS- Friday, October 9th from 12:30pm- 3:30pm. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area if you are interested in attending.

TRUNK OR TREAT! Saturday, October 31st from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Parking lot next to the church. We will distribute candy to the neighborhood children from our car trunks. Just park your car, bring out your candy, set up a chair, put out a battery powered light (if you have one). You can dress up too if you want! *This year we've added the homemade hand puppets with Trinity's name on them to hand out to the kids along with the candy.* **If you cannot come join the fun, candy and/or money donations to purchase candy are accepted and appreciated.**

CHANGE FOR CHRIST – “HELP KEEP THE LIGHTS ON”: Have extra change in your pockets? Tired of carrying it around? Drop it in the vase with candle located in the Gathering Area.

NEWS FLASH! In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communication Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your

committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know.
September's "info gatherer" is Janet Sheely at jlsheely13@gmail.com or 717-357-1789.
October "info gatherer is Ruth Krietz, 717-337-1395 or ruthkrietz@gmail.com

SUMMER OUTREACH: Proceeds will go to the **Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** More info on Summer Outreach table. **** **Kathy Clark will be speaking on the Independent Living Program Sunday, September 27th.**

ATTENDANCE 9/20/2026: 9:30am **45**; On-line **187**; Total **232**

FINANCE REPORT 9/20/2026:

Envelope Offering **Needed WEEKLY: \$3,707.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$1,878.50**

Property Fund **Needed WEEKLY: \$385.00** Offering Rec'd: **\$65.00**

**** ***Trinity is nearing a \$20,000 budget deficit that needs to be made up by the end of this year. Please consider increasing your weekly giving to help Trinity meet this year's budget.***
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THIS WEEK

Today, 9/27: Rev. Peter Kuhn, Worship Leader
Kathy Clark, Guest Speaker on the Independent Living Program
12:00pm Private Event - *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, 9/28: **Don Blevins Celebration of Life - Trinity**
10am Visitation; 11:00am Service; 12:00pm Luncheon
11:00am -1:00pm Blessing Room - Choir Room

Tuesday, 9/29: 6:00pm Pastoral Relations

Wednesday, 9/30: 7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Friday, 10/2: 9:30am Flutes

Next Sunday 10/4: World Communion
Mission Team Presentation
12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – *Fellowship Hall*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young	Pastor
Lenore O'Rourke	Liturgist
Sara Shank	Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh	Percussionist
Janet & Steve Sheely	Greeters
Cindy Kidd	Ushers
Janet Sheely	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young,	Tech Team
George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn	

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ps. 103

Joachim Neander, 1680

Tr. Catherine Winkworth and others

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 fend thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his

sis - ters draw near; Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful hath been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Halle Halle Halle

Words and Music by
Hal H. Hopson

CHORUS

G Bm/D G D/F# Em Em/D C C/B Am7 Am D7

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

G Bm/D G D/F# Em Am G/D D G C/G ^{1,3,5} ^{2,4,6} G C/G *Fine*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal-le - lu - jah. jah.

VERSE

G Am/G

1. Praise God in this ho - ly place, ev - 'ry na - tion, ev - 'ry race.
2. Ev 'ry - thing that breathes now praise; Sing your songs, let voic - es raise.

Gmaj7 Am7 Dsus D G

Come, make joy - ful mu - sic to the Lord. Sound the trum - pet, sound it clear.
Come, make joy - ful mu - sic to the Lord. Play the cym - bals, play the lute;

Am Gmaj7 Am7 Dsus D *D.C. al Fine*

Sound it for the world to hear. Come, make joy - ful mu - sic to the Lord.
Play the tim - brel, play the flute. Come, make joy - ful mu - sic to the Lord.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864

ST. GERTRUDE 6.5.6.5.D. with Refrain
Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

1. On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war, With the cross of
 2. Like a might-y ar - my Moves the church of God; Broth-ers, we are
 3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King-doms rise and wane, But the church of
 4. On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap-py throng, Blend with ours your

Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore; Christ the roy - al Mas - ter Leads a -
 tread - ing Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed, All one
 Je - sus Con-stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that
 voic - es In the tri-umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to

gainst the foe; For-ward in - to bat - tle, See his ban-ners go.
 bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine, One in char-i - ty.
 church pre - vail; We have Christ's own prom-ise, And that can-not fail.
 Christ the King; This through count-less a - ges Men and an-gels sing.

On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,