

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 1, 2024
Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Organist: Barbara Edwards

*(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Welcome to our Sunday service. Please use the time during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship in quiet reflection and prayer and allow others to do the same. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *W.F. Ward/arr. Ethel Smith*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting

Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon

People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Hope)

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Arise, Shine" *Steven Urspringer & Jay Robinson*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Precious Lord, we celebrate You in our every breath!

People: Fill us with your Spirit and love!

Leader: Christ Jesus, we anticipate Your second coming with joy!

People: Fill us with your Spirit and love!

Leader: Prince of Peace, we long to walk with You in Your kingdom!

People: Let us forever have You at our side and in our hearts. We pray in Your divine name. Amen.

*Carol #245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Unison Invocation:

Most gracious Lord! We seek You in the world around us. Help us to find You in the people we meet. Fill our hearts with love and compassion for all the world and let us lead others to You, O Father. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "When Will We See God's Son?" *James Stevens*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "More Love to Thee" *William Doane*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" *J. J. Niles*

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed

Carol #247 "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

Scripture **Jeremiah 33: 14-16** (pg. 738 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** (pg. 204 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 21: 25-36** (pg. 85-86 N.T.)

All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Grow Your Love, Grow Your Joy" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol #423 "The Bond of Love"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response #269 "How Great Our Joy!" *German melody*

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" *Ludwig van Beethoven*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/01/2024

Please call the church office or fill out a prayer card if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list.

Thought for the week: How can I love more?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Floating Five: Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support

Christmas Party: Our Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your table settings. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will again be the Lock 4 Barbershop Quartet of Akron, Ohio. Join us for a night of fun, food, music and fellowship! Sharon Longworth will be collecting for staff Christmas gifts until Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Got Kolache pickup of the goodies is December 15th between noon and 1 p.m.

Harvest Sunday: Thank you to all who participated in our food drive to support the Warren Family Mission.

Samaritans Purse: Many thanks to those who contributed with Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan Purse. This expression of God’s love will bring joy to many deserving children.
Karen Fumerola

Toy Drive: Thank you for your generous support of our toy drive! What a bounty you made! The Mission and the children that receive your gifts will be so appreciative! Thank you to Karen Schoch for leading the march!

REMEMBER: Next Sunday the annual Congregational Meeting will take place after our worship service. We encourage all to attend.

	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24
Attendance	28	23	27	27
Benevolence	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$681.00	\$604.00	\$243.00	\$322.00
Floating Five	\$ 70.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$170.00
Poinsettias	\$ 59.95	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	
TOTAL	\$866.28	\$724.00	\$393.00	\$492.00

October Income	October Expenditures	October Net
\$2,376.80	\$7,778.72	-\$5,401.92

Prayer List

Shut-in

Ken Armstrong	Denise Long	Donna Beavers
Terry Caddell	Peggy Marshall	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Larry Mattison	Betty Howren
Jerry Currie	Paul Muck	Dick Leiby
Rodger Davis	Carter Plott	Marilyn Leiby
Steve Doracin	Mary Sabol	Glenn Mark
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	Norma Patchin
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert	Hailee	Mahalick/Burger Family
Phil Graham		
Dick Leiby		

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 12/02/2024	Elders/Deacons Meeting 6:15 p.m. Consistory @7
Wednesday, 12/04/2024	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Eat-n-Park
Wednesday, 12/4/2024	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, 12/08/2024	Congregational Meeting after worship service