

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 11, 2022
Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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.

Prelude "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Louis Redner*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gerald Gammon

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Christmas is a Birthday" *Gregory Deutsch*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Ron Schoch

People: Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.

**People: Shine on us, O God, of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ, the Light.**

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Prince of Peace, we anxiously await Your return!

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Good Shepherd, return to Your flock and guide us home.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Enter our hearts and guide our souls that we may be pleasing in Your sight.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

*Carol #271 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

*Unison Invocation:

All: O God, how wonderful it is to be counted as Yours. Bring about true conversion of our hearts and lead us to victory over evil and hatred. Help us to love as we should and to be peacemakers among the revel. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

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

Anthem "The Birthday of a King" *William Neidlinger*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" *Felix Mendelssohn*

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

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)

Carol #265 "The First Noel" (stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5)

Scripture **Psalm 146: 5-10** (pg. 581-582 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **James 5: 7-10** (pg. 231 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 11: 2-11** (pg. 11 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Jesus Is Coming" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Carol #275 "Sing We Now of Christmas"

*Benediction

Postlude "Reach Our for the Gift" *Steve Tippett*
(Organ/Piano)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/11/2022

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.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Thought of the Week: What shall I do for Jesus' arrival?

Covid Precautions: We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

Altar Flowers: It is always nice to remember loved ones with altar flowers. The altar vases are \$50 for two vases or \$25 each.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting after church to go over the 2023 budget and elect new officers for consistory.

Christmas Bake Sale: The curbside pick-up date is Sunday, December 18th from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Party: Our Family Christmas party will be held next Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and table settings. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will once again be comedian/magician, Eric Thompson. Come and join us for a great night of food, fun, and entertainment. **Sharon also will be collecting for staff Christmas gifts. The deadline is Sunday morning, December 18.

Mitten Tree: The tree in the lobby is for collecting mittens for the kids at the elementary schools who are in need of help. Please place your mittens and socks on the tree by Sunday, December 25. Thank you for your participation.

Tithes: All offerings for the 2022 fiscal year need to be submitted by Christmas Eve Service as this will be the last deposit for the year. Anything after that will go onto the 2023 fiscal year.

2023 Envelopes: Please remember to pick up your envelopes in the lobby.

	12/4/22	12/11/22	12/18/22	12/25/22
Attendance	36			
Benevolent				
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$530.00			
Floating Five	\$147.00			
Flowers	\$120.00			
Warren Family Miss.				
TOTAL	\$797.00			

PRAYER LIST

Gloria Ambrose	Mark Leiby
American People	Richard Lemasters
Tammy Boyle	Glenn Mark
Isaac Boyles	Gary Noel
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall
Betsy Chapley	Melissa Rein
Sandy Croyle	Jay Robinson
Kaye Doran	Mary Sabol
Sherri French	Carol Sin
Ruth Gilbert	Bob Spencer
Diana Graham	Barbara Sponaugle
Debbie Heilman	Ukraine People
MaryAnn Huffman	Tricia Unger (Mark)
Ron Huffman	
Betty Jamison	
Dick Leiby	

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 11
Tuesday, December 13
Sunday December 18
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Congregational Meeting
Choir Practice @ 3:30 p.m.
Communion/Bake Sale pick up noon-2:00 p.m.
Annual Christmas Party @5:30 p.m.