

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
*(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Beverly DeSavigny

Choral Introit

“Come, Emmanuel”

Don Besig

*Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty and benevolent God, You sent Your son to save us all.

All: Happy are we to receive our King!

Leader: Father, You have blessed us with the gifts of love and mercy.

All: May we forever find favor in Your sight.

Leader: Lord Jesus, You came to teach us the way to the Father.

All: We pray Your example and words shall lead us home.

Leader: Merciful Spirit, we ask that You guide us as the star guided others to Jesus.

All: May we follow You to Christ, the only way to the Father. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Carol #249 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord Jesus, we will soon celebrate Your birth! Be with us as we do so, and forevermore. Send Your spirit to be with us as a guide to keep us on the path home, just as Your Father set the star in the sky to lead others to You as an infant. Give us the strength and fortitude to follow Your most holy example, in love and mercy. May we be good citizens of the Kingdom of God and be forever known as Your faithful servants. We pray in Your name. Amen.

Gloria Patri #812 “Glory Be to the Father”

Lighting of Advent Candles (Joy)

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #265 “Noel, Noel” *arr. John Stainer*

Anthem “A Communion of Carols” (choir & children) *arr. John Purifay*
Solo: “Silent Night” Riley Davis

Children's Message

Judy Fabian

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology #815

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

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

Sermon “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Rev. Gerald Gammon

Communion Hymn #287 “A Communion Hymn for Christmas” (1, 2, 4, 5)

Invitation to Communion

The Breaking of the Bread *(Please wait to partake together)*

Taking the Cup *(Please wait to drink together)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Carol #278 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (1, 3, 4)

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #278 “Gloria in excelsis Deo” *Traditional French Melody*

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/15/19

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

Next Week - Liturgist: Judy Fabian Lay Reader: Donny Longworth

Thought for the week: “Am I faithful to my God, myself, and others?”

Congregational Meeting: Our annual Congregational meeting will follow today’s service. All are invited to stay and participate. We will present the proposed budget and our candidates for Deacons: Emily Burkett, Sheryl Cozad, Marian Gammon, and Candy Lemasters. We will also bring you up-to-date on the state of the Church.

Poinsettias: We are getting our poinsettias from Warren Greenhouse again for the price of \$9.75 per 6” pot. Make sure to put your order in by Sunday, December 15th. The sign up sheet is in the lobby.

First Ladies: The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Joanne Bode (437 Central Pkwy, Warren). All attending are asked to bring a “finger food” to share and a “white elephant” gift to exchange. All ladies are welcome!

Angel Tree: The tree is up in the lobby. Anyone who wishes to participate in this project should take a tag, purchase the gift listed on that tag, wrap it, and return it to the church (with tag displayed on front) by Sunday, December 15th. We so appreciate your past participation, and we hope you will once again support this worthwhile effort. Thank you!
The Boomers

Thanks: Thank you Sharon Longworth for organizing our annual Christmas party! A great time was had by all in attendance!

Thanks: Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for the wonderful card and gift of money for Christmas. I appreciate your giving spirit and love!
Pastor Gerry

Thanks: Thank you all for the warm birthday wishes!
Pastor Gerry

Thanks: A big thank you to all those who helped with our Christmas party on Sunday. We had a small group in attendance this year, but the food and entertainment were awesome. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Sharon

	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19	12/30/19
Attendance	33	36			
Benevolent	\$ 5				
Floating Five	\$ 272	\$ 10			
Flowers					
Building Imp	\$ 50				
Poinsettias		\$ 30			
Vet of Cross					
Current Exp	\$1028	\$635			
TOTAL	\$1355	\$675			

PRAYER LIST

Clyde Baker	Marilyn Leiby
Donna Beavers	Marlin Martin
Fred Bode	Melissa Rein
Sheri French	Jerry Stephens
Don Howren	Sue Torno
Betty Jamison	Gayle Vidovich
Becky Kunkel	Joy White
Betty Mark	Mary Kate Zweidinger

Family of Ray Kesling (Fumerola)

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 15	Communion/Congregation meeting after church
Wednesday, December 18	First Ladies Christmas Party @12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 19	Parish New deadline
Sunday, December 22	Christmas Fund Offering
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve @6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! - OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday, December 26	OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 27	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, December 29	No Sunday School/Worship @10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! - OFFICE CLOSED