

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

*(*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 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" *Henry Smart/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Ethel Smith*

Bring altar ware to altar
Dedicate altar ware and cross in memory of Irma Allen

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 "Come On, Ring Those Bells" *Andrew Culverwell*
Bells: Riley Davis & Tara Fumerola

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Gracious God, You love us so purely and completely.

All: Help us to be good instruments of that love to others.

Leader: Father, we will soon celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus.

All: Your Son, the greatest expression of love mankind has ever known.

Leader: We try to emulate His love in all we do and say.

All: Fill our hearts with Your loving Spirit, O Lord!

Leader: We humbly submit ourselves to Your gracious love.

All: And we do so in Jesus' name, amen.

*Carol #249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Craig & Sheryl Cozad

*Unison Invocation :

All: Lord Jesus, we near the celebration of Your earthly birth. As we celebrate, help us to be mindful of the gift You are to the entire world and empower us to overcome hatred, anger, and selfishness in Your name. Help us to love as You do, O Lord. We seek Your help and Your favor and ask these things in Your most holy name, amen.

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

Solo "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S/Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Bill Paxson

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

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

Anthem "A Simple Stable" *Don Besig*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

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

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

Carol #262 "Away in a Manger"

Scripture **Micah 5:2-5a** (pg. 865 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad

Scripture **Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)** (pg. 57 N.T.)

Sermon "For the Love of God" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Invitation to Communion

*Carol #278 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World" *George Handel*
Barb Edwards & Judy Yungbluth

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thought for the week: "Have I spread the love of God?"

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Christmas Eve: Worship will be held on Friday, December 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. We will have regular worship on Sunday, December 26, 2021 @ 10:45 a.m.. No Sunday School.

Thank You: Thank you to Sharon Longworth for putting together a wonderful family Christmas party. A good time was had by all in attendance.

From the Pastor: Thank you all for the monetary Christmas gift. Your support and giving spirit are humbling. Thank you again!

Thank You: A big thank you to all who made our Christmas party a success. It was such a fun night with delicious food, friends, and our entertainer, Eric Thompson. We are blessed! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank You: I just want to say thank you to Karen for the altar flowers. It was so thoughtful of you. It was just wonderful to be there Sunday and to see so many great people and remember many special memories. I miss you all so much, but you are always in my thoughts and prayers. *Love, Janis Williamson*

Thank You: Thank you for the Christmas gift. You all are always so gracious and giving. *Nancy Hamrick*

Thank You: Thank you, friends at First U.C.C., for your generous Christmas gift. God bless you all with blessings of the season: Hope, Peace, Love & Joy.

Karen Fumerola

	12/5/2021	12/12/2021	12/19/2021	12/26/2021
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Current Expenses	\$ 842.00	\$1,358.00		
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Flowers		\$ 30.00		
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WF Mission	\$ 120.00			
TOTAL	\$1,069.00	\$1,868.00		

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Charlies Carl	David Nichols
Betsy Chapley	Mary Sabol
Bev DeSavigny	Bob Spencer
Ruth Gilbert	Barb Sponaugle
Jimmy Green	Vicky Town
Marilyn Grounds	Joe Vutrincic
Bonnie Isaac	Marna Williams
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