

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 22, 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

Judy Fabian

Choral Introit “Come On, Ring Those Bells” *Bell Ringers: Riley Davis & Tara Fumerola*

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Faithful Father, You promised us a deliverer and You sent us Your Son.

All: We happily receive our promised King.

Leader: Gracious God, You spoke through the prophets to tell us of Your love for us.

All: Great is Your compassion and wise is Your plan.

Leader: Lord, You have come to us to help us better our relationship with You.

All: Your love and mercy know no end.

Leader: May we be delivered by Your loving Son and Your mercy.

All: And we pray to find favor in Your sight always, through your Son, Jesus. Amen.

*Carol #259 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Unison Invocation:

All: Almighty and loving God, we ask for Your continued love and support. We celebrate Your gift of Jesus and the good fortune He brings to us all. Help us, O Lord, to be good followers of the example set before us and may we find our way to Your loving arms when our time on this earth is done. We pray these things in the name of Your son, Jesus. Amen.

Gloria Patri #812 “Glory Be to the Father”

Lighting of Advent Candles (Love)

Ron Schoch & Sharon Longworth

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

(debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #292

“O come to my heart, Lord Jesus” *Timothy Matthews*

Anthem

“On Christmas Day”

Children’s Message

Joanne Bode

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Veterans of the Cross Fund

Offering Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology #815

Carol

#267 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16 (pg. 636 O.T.)

Sheryl Cozad

Scripture

Romans 1:1-7 (pg. 152 N.T.)

Sermon

“God’s Promise of Love”

Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol

#269 “How Great Our Joy!”

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing

#269 “How Great Our Joy!”

*German Melody/
arr. Hugo Jungst*

Postlude

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Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/22/19

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Bill & Linda Paxson, and in the memory of J. R. Teitsworth.

Next Week - Liturgist: Sharon Longworth Lay Reader: Beverly DeSavigny

Thought for the week: “How can I better express the love of God to others?”

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

Thanks: I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful card and generous gift. You are all very kind and I hope your holiday is merry and bright!
Nancy

Thanks: To a warm and generous congregation, thank you for the Christmas money, gas gift card, and poinsettia.
Karen

	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

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| 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 |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 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 |
| Sunday, January 5 | Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five |
| Monday, January 6 | Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, January 6 | Consistory @7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 8 | Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, January 8 | Choir Practice @6:30 p.m. |