

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Worship Service 10:45 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.

Prelude "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *J.F. Ward/arr. Ethel Smith*
(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 "Arise, Shine" *Steven Urspringer & Jay Robinson*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Judy Fabian

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we anticipate Your coming!

All: We look to the future that comes from You!

Leader: Son of God, we await You in Your glory!

All: Precious is the Savior!

Leader: Lord, find favor with Your servants.

All: Let our feet follow in Your divine footsteps always.

Leader: We pray for Your blessings and love.

All: We do so in Your most holy name, amen.

*Hymn #244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Jesus, You came to us in the form of a baby. We treasure this gift! Please find us worthy of what we have received and help us to lead others to Your Father's kingdom. May we share Your words, love, and compassion with the world so as to help others find their way through You. We pray in Your name, amen.

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

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

Prayer Response #243 "Emmanuel" *Bob McGee*

Anthem "Who Would Send a Baby?" *Mary Kay Beall/arr. John Carter*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Angels from the Realms of Glory" *Henry Smart*

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

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

Hymn #261 "Away in a Manger"

Scripture **Isaiah 64:1-9** (pg.694-695 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (pg. 166 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 13:24-37** (pg. 50-51 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "He's Coming!" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #251 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

*Benediction

Postlude #275 "Sing We Now of Christians"
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/3/2023

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 have I prepared for the coming of Christ?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Donna Beavers: Hillside Hospital, room #1104, (330) 841-3388

UPDATE: Angie Wiland currently resides in the Gillette Nursing Home, room 628.

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!

Advent: If you would like to serve the church in a joyous way, consider reading scripture and lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath. A signup sheet and corresponding readings are available in the lobby.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 17, after worship where the budget for 2024 will be presented for discussion and approval, as will candidates for two Elder positions that will serve our church for the next three years. Please plan to attend.

Family Christmas Party: The party will be on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your own tableware. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will be Lock-4, a barbershop quartet from Akron, Ohio with a combined experience of over 100 years of singing music. Come and join us for a great night of food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Staff Gifts: Sharon Longworth will be collecting for staff gifts until Sunday morning, December 10.

	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23
Attendance	25	30	26	19
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$528.00	\$1,082.00	\$ 498.00	\$645.00
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	50.00	\$ 225.00	\$120.00
Memorials	\$100.00	460.00	400.00	
Wedding			\$ 100.00	
Poinsettias			\$ 29.50	
TOTAL	\$648.00	\$1,642.00	\$1,252.50	\$765.00

October Income	October Expenditures	October Net
\$5,876.00	\$7,842.31	-\$1,966.31

Prayer List

Shut Ins

American People	Mary Sabol	Donna Beavers
Donna Beavers	Ukraine People	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Angie Wiland	Betty Howren
Betsy Chapley	Layes Wood	Dick Leiby
Dave Davis		Marilyn Leiby
Rodger Davis		Glenn Mark
East Palestine People		Norma Patchin
Phil Fletcher		Bob Spencer
Ruth Gilbert		Barb Sponaugle
People of Israel		Angie Wiland
Dean Mahalick		
Peggy Marshall		Lyon Family
Larry Mattison		Williams Family
Norma Patchin		

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent/Floating Five
Monday, Dec. 4	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.