

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 4, 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 "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" *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 #241 "Arise, Shine" *Steven Urspringer & Jay Robinson*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Sheryl Cozad

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. 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: Donny Longworth

Leader: Father in Heaven, we love and worship You!

All: Blessed are we to receive Your Son!

Leader: As the anniversary of His birth grows closer, bless us with joy.

All: Grant us joy that we might share it with others.

* Call to Worship (continued):

Leader: Have mercy on us and forgive us our fault and sins.

All: We pray for Your loving forgiveness and mercy in Jesus' name, amen.

*Carol #267 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord, how wonderful it is to be loved by You. Through Your love and the blessings from it, we find solace and rest; joy and happiness; fulfillment and completion. Thank You, O Lord, for loving us so.

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

Anthem

"Come, O Jesus, Holy One"

Robert Newton

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

Prayer Response

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Argentine Folk Song

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Polish Carol

Doxology

#815

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Carol

#277

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture

Isaiah 11: 1-10 (pg. 640-641 O.T.)

Donny Longworth

Scripture

Romans 15: 4-13 (pg. 163-164 N.T.)

Gospel

Matthew 3: 1-12 (pg. 2-3 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon

"One Greater IS Coming"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Carol

#259

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*Benediction

Postlude

"Reach Out for the Gift"

(Organ/Piano)

Steve Tippett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/4/2022

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: Sharon Longworth

Thought of the Week: Have I prepared for the coming of the Lord?

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 on Sunday, December 11 to go over the 2023 budget and elect new officers for consistory.

Christmas Bake Sale: The Deacons are having a Christmas pre-order bake sale. There are walnut and poppy seed kolache at \$12 each and cookies (baker's dozen) at \$5 each. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4th. The curbside pick-up date is Sunday, December 18th from noon to 2:00 p.m. You can call the office at (330) 394-4741 for more information and ordering. Order forms are also available on the church website at www.firstuccwarren.org under the event tab and on the church's Facebook page. The church is located at 280 E. Market St., Warren, Ohio 44481.

Christmas Party: Our Family Christmas party will be held this year on 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.

Thank You: We want to thank our church family for the thoughtfulness and expression of sympathy during Becky's passing. We also want to thank all those who participated in preparation and in supplying desserts for the "celebration luncheon" following Becky's service. A special thank you to Rev. Gammon for the beautiful service conducted at Becky's funeral. *The Kunkel Family*

	11/6/22	11/13/22	11/220/2	11/27/22
Attendance	32		30	25
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,110.00	\$292.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 725.00
Floating Five	\$ 189.00	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 120.00
Flowers				
Poinsettias		\$ 18.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 9.00
Bake Sale			\$ 257.00	\$ 115.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00	\$325.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$1,454.00	\$785.00	\$1,438.00	\$1,019.00

PRAYER LIST

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 4	Bake Sale order deadline
Monday, December 5	Deacons/Elders mg @6:15 pm/Consistory @7pm
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Choir Rehearsal @3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.