

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 5, 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 "The First Noel" *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 "Come On, Ring Those Bells"

*Call to Worship: Craig Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we soon celebrate Your birth.

All: May we bring gifts of love, kindness, and gentleness to lay at Your feet.

Leader: Holy One, we look to the heavens with great anticipation of Your arrival.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and lead us home with You.

Leader: Jesus, we ask You to help us prepare for Your promised return.

All: Send Your Spirit upon us and help us to be prepared.

Leader: Savior, look upon us with mercy and favor, and bless us every day.

All: We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

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

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Judy Fabian

*Unison Invocation :

All: Merciful God, You sent Your Son into this world as the greatest expression of Your love. Help us to be worthy of such a gift and may we share

this gift all around us. We ask for Your blessings and continued love. We long for Your presence in our lives, and we look to the day when we will share in the light of Your face. Help us to prepare for the coming of Your Son. We ask in Jesus' 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 #292 "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Anthem "Reach Out for the Gift" *Steve Tippet*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Carol #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture **Malachi 3:1-4** (pg. 889-890 O.T.) Craig Cozad

Scripture **Luke 1:68-79** (pg. 58 N.T.)

Sermon "Humble Yourself Before the Lord" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Carol #259 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*Benediction

Postlude "Come On, Ring Those Bells" *Ethel Smith*
(Organ/Piano)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/5/21

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/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Thought for the week: “Have I prepared for the coming of the Lord?”

Advent Wreath: We are in need of four families to sign up for lighting of the advent candles and readings. The sign up sheet is in the lobby.

Bake Sale: This is your last day for the bake sale!

Family Christmas Party: The party will be held next Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish along with your table service. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will be magician & comedian, Eric Thompson. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food, fun, and friends! **Sharon Longworth will also be collecting for staff Christmas gifts through Sunday morning, December 12.

Communion Preparation: Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule for 2021-2022 and choose a Sunday service when you can prepare the elements.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting after church on Sunday, December 19, 2021 to go over the proposed 2022 budget and elect officers for consistory. This is a very important meeting, so please make sure and attend.

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: 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*

	11/7/21	11/14/21	11/21/21	11/28/21
Attendance	31	33	35	25
Benevolent	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	
Current Expenses	\$ 808.00	\$1,215.00	\$320.00	\$ 830.00
Floating Five	\$ 219.00	\$ 130.00	\$220.00	\$ 125.00
Flowers				
Wedding	\$ 90.00			
Poinsettias			\$ 17.00	\$ 27.00
Bake Sale				\$ 555.00
WF Mission	\$ 120.00			
TOTAL	\$1,417.00	\$1,370.00	\$607.00	\$1,537.00

PRAYER LIST

William Anderson	Bonnie Isaac
Donna Beavers	Betty Jamison
Charlies Carl	Peggy Marshall
Betsy Chapley	Ethel Maximum
Bev DeSavigny	David Nichols
Ruth Gilbert	Mary Sabol
Jimmy Green	Bob Spencer
Marilyn Grounds	Barb Sponaugle
Chelsea Harper	Vicky Town
Marna Williams	

Barbutes family
Lehman/Gammon family

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Dec. 5	Floating Five/Bake sale deadline
Monday, Dec. 6	Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m./ Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 12	Christmas Party @5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 16	Parish News deadline
Saturday, Dec. 18	Bake Sale pick up