

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(*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

Donny Longworth

Choral Introit

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Thomas Williams/arr. Lowell Mason

*Call to Worship

Leader: Hail! Almighty God! We worship You and give You thanks.

All: We are but Your humble servants.

Leader: We pray that You will look upon us with favor.

All: May Your blessings upon us be bountiful.

Leader: Lord, God, You have sent your Son to save us all.

All: May we always bask in His light and glory.

Leader: Christ has shown us the way.

All: Let us all be good followers. We pray in His name. Amen.

*Carol

#249

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

(Gerry & Marian Gammon)

*Unison Invocation

Christ Jesus, we near the celebration of Your earthly birth. Help us to have Your love in our hearts, Your peace in our words, and Your healing in our touch. We are born again in You and follow You as children of God. Lead us, Lord, so that we might be pleasing in Your Father’s eyes. We worship You and sing Your praises! 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

“A Tiny Child Will Come”

Don Besig

Children's Message

Carol

#255

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Judy Fabian

Offering Meditation

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

#815

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Offering Prayer

Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4 (pg. 889-890 O.T.)

Donny Longworth

Scripture

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

Sermon

“Rebirth”

Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol

#267

“I Hear the Bells on Christmas Day” (1, 3, 4 & 5)

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing

#245

“Rejoice”

Plainsong/adpt. Thomas Helmore

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/9/18

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 Irma Allen, and in memory of her husband, Thomas Allen.

Next Week - Liturgist: Sharon Longworth Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Poinsettias: The deadline to order is today.

Pledge cards: Please remember to turn in your pledge for 2019.

Family Christmas Party: Please join us at 5:30 p.m. tonight for a night of delicious food, fun, and entertainment.

Staff Christmas Gifts: Sharon Longworth will be collecting donations through today.

Congregational meeting: After church on Sunday, December 16th, to go over the proposed 2019 Budget and vote on the new Deacons & Elders

First Ladies: On Wednesday, December 19th at 11:30 a.m., they will meet for their Christmas party at Melanie Burger’s house, 8183 Fairhill NE, Warren. Everyone is asked to bring a finger food and a “white elephant” gift.

Parish News Deadline: Please have your articles, photos, poems, etc. in by Wednesday, December 19th. Thank you!

Angel Tree: The Boomers are once again sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas Season. In the coming days, tags will appear on the Christmas tree . We ask those who choose to participate to take a tag and purchase the gift suggested on that tag. Your wrapped gift should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 16th, with that tag attached. We are helping two families, one of which has a special needs child, so some of the gift suggestions are specific. This is due to the child’s disabilities. We appreciate your past support of this worthwhile project, and we hope you will find it in your heart to participate this year.

	11/4/18	11/11/18	11/18/18	11/25/18
Attendance	40	44	39	
Benevolent	\$ 13		\$ 5	
Floating Five	\$ 44	\$ 10	\$ 310	\$ 110
Flowers				
Building Imp	\$ 8			\$ 5
Current Expense	\$869	\$1106	\$6860	\$ 887
WFM			\$ 50	
Poinsettias			\$ 39.50	\$ 69.50
Sylvia Moyes Mem.				\$ 125
Someplace Safe	\$ 30			
TOTAL	\$964	\$1116	\$7264.50	\$1196.50

PRAYER LIST

Beverly DeSavigny	Norma Patchin
Aiden Elder	Linda Paxson
Don Howren	Florence Simons
Becky Kunkel	Doris Whitmore
Marlin Martin	Joan Wimer
Mary Kate Zweidinger	

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 9	Annual Christmas Party @5:30 p.m./ Poinsettia deadline
Thursday, December 13	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m./ Parish News
Sunday, December 16	Communion
Wednesday, December 19	First Ladies Christmas Party @11:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 20	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 23	Christmas Fund Offering
Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve Worship @6:30 p.m./ OFFICE CLOSED
December 25 & 26	OFFICE CLOSED