

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, January 14, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
*(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude Greensleeves *Richard Purvis*
(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 "Great and Mighty" *Marlene Bigley*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wait patiently for the Lord and He will hear your cry.
People: He will set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
Leader: He will put a new song in your mouth, a song of praise to our God.
All: Happy are we who make the Lord our trust.

*Hymn of Praise #82 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

*Unison Invocation

**We come apart this morning, O Lord, that we might praise your name.
We draw near to you and listen for your word for us. Speak to us, Lord,
for we your servants are listening. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #813 "Glory Be to the Father"

Joys and Concerns
Hymn of Prayer #634 "More Love to Thee"
Time of Silent Prayer
Morning Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response #641 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Solo "The Difference"
Soloist: Bill Paxson

Children's Message Judy Fabian

Offering Meditation

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory March of the Kings *Renaud De Vilbac*

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

*Offering Prayer

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Introduction

LEADER: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

PEOPLE: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

LEADER: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

PEOPLE: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

LEADER: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

PEOPLE: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

LEADER: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

ALL: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation

LEADER: Betty Jamison, Don Longworth, and Homer Wiland will you please come forward? These brothers and these sisters in Christ have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Betty, Don, and Homer you have been chosen by this congregation to be members of the church consistory. It is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility for this service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God? If so, please say "I am."

RESPONSE: I am.

LEADER: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ? If so, please say "I do, relying on God's grace."

RESPONSE: I do, relying on God's grace.

LEADER: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those of you who are able, please rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

PEOPLE: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Affirmation

Let us pray. Eternal God you have called to serve you, Betty, Don and Homer, in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaration

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of the First United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce that you, Betty, Don, and Homer, are installed as members of the church consistory. In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (pg. 247 O.T.)

Beverly Desavigny

Scripture

Galatians 5:22-23 (pg. 187 N.T.)

Sermon

"The Joy of Being Christian"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn of Commitment #666 "A Charge to Keep I Have"
 *Benediction
 *Parting Blessing "Three-fold Amen" *John Stainer*
Postlude Christ is the World's True Light *SURETTE*

PRAYER LIST

Esther Clark, Kaye Doran, Aiden Elder, Don Howren, Betty Mark, Ray McLean, Mark Pringle, Search Committee, James Warren

The Atkins/Kleindinst family

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon
 Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
 Organist: Florence Simons*

	1/7/18	1/14/18	1/21/18	1/26/18
Attendance	30			
Benevolent	\$ 5			
Floating 5	\$ 62			
Flowers	\$ 30			
Building Imp				
Current Expense	\$812.50			
TOTAL	\$909.50			

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, January 14 Installation of officers/Consistory mtg.
 Thursday, January 18 Parish News deadline
 Wednesday, January 24 First Ladies @12:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Donny Longworth Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

We have a new email address: firstuccwarren@gmail.com.

We welcome Rev. Gerald Gammon again this today and thank him for the beautiful Sunday service.

Consistory will meet after worship today.

The Deacons will meet on Monday, January 15 @7:00 p.m.

The Parish News deadline is Thursday, January 18. Please have all articles and/or pictures to me by then.

The First Ladies will meet on Wednesday, January 24 @12:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome! Karen Fumerola will be our hostess.

Thank you for your donations to our coat and boot drive and also to the Mitten Tree during the Christmas season. Because of your generosity, we are able to deliver over a dozen brand new coats, several pairs of boots, over a dozen hats and gloves, and many miscellaneous items to the Adopt-a-School program and the Warren Family Mission. These will be greatly appreciated during this bitter cold winter. Thank you again.
The Boomers

Thanks to everyone who helped plan the party for Rev. Sabella and also those who helped setup the tables clean up afterwards.
The Deacons

The Altar Arrangement, the Poinsettia, the Gas Card, and the Christmas Cash Gift were all added Joys and Blessings of the Season. With a grateful spirit, I recall your warmth and generosity again this Season. Truly, Love was born at Christmas. Much love and a Happy, Healthful New Year to Each and All.
Florence

There are many openings in the altar flower schedule if you would like to honor someone with flowers. Please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.