

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**  
**Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.**  
*(\*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

Craig Cozad

Choral Introit #247 "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

*Wades Cantus Diversi/arr. Tom Fettke*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O glorious and giving God, we thank You for Your loving care.

**All: We ask that You be with us as we anticipate the coming of Your son, Jesus.**

Leader: Father, we see Your hand at work in our lives and are in awe of Your wondrous power.

**All: We are blessed to receive all that You give us and praise Your most holy name!**

Leader: Soon we will celebrate the birth of Your Son! Fill our hearts with love and Joy!

**All: We ask that You help us to share the joy of knowing Christ with others this Advent season , and always, until we all come home to You, dear Lord. Make us givers of peace and be faithful to You always. We lift these prayers to You through Your son, Jesus. Amen.**

\*Carol #251 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Generous and benevolent Father, You came into the world through Your son, Jesus, to show us Your love has no limitations. We ask, dear Father, that we be found worthy of Your gift and that we continue to grow its outreach through our thoughts and deeds. May we deliver love and hope to all we meet, sharing the love of Your son with all so that the world around us will know the peace that comes from You. We worship You and praise You always. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12/8/19

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: Judy Fabian

Lay Reader: Marilyn Leiby

**Thought for the week:** "Am I a peacemaker?"

**Congregational Meeting:** Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Please plan on attending so that you will be well informed on the status of our wonderful church.

**Thanks:** Thank you to all who have served this church so well during their elected terms as Deacons and Elders and officers of Consistory. A special expression of gratitude to Melanie Burger, Joanne Bode, Jeff Robinson, and Homer Wiland, who complete their terms as Deacons at the end of the month. Also a huge thanks to Keith Burger for being our Financial Secretary for many years and to Bev DeSavigny for leading Consistory as President for the past three years. May God bless you all as you get a well-deserved break!

**Poinsettias:** We are getting our poinsettias from Warren Greenhouse again for the price of \$9.75 per 6" pot. Make sure to put your order in by Sunday, December 15th. The sign up sheet is in the lobby.

**Staff Gifts:** Sharon Longworth will be collecting for the staff Christmas gifts through Sunday, December 8th.

**First Ladies:** The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Joanne Bode (437 Central Pkwy, Warren). All attending are asked to bring a "finger food" to share and a "white elephant" gift to exchange. All ladies are welcome!

**Angel Tree:** The tree is up in the lobby. Anyone who wishes to participate in this project should take a tag, purchase the gift listed on that tag, wrap it, and return it to the church (with tag displayed on front) by Sunday, December 15th. We so appreciate your past participation, and we hope you will once again support this worthwhile effort. Thank you!

*The Boomers*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. 'With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

\*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson  
MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

WORLD PEACE  
Int.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19	12/30/19
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>33</b>				
Benevolent	\$ 5				
Floating Five	\$ 272				
Flowers					
Building Imp	\$ 50				
Bake Sale					
Vet of Cross					
Current Exp	\$1028				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1355</b>				

**PRAYER LIST**

Clyde Baker	Becky Kunkel
Donna Beavers	Betty Mark
Fred Bode	Marlin Martin
Sheri French	Melissa Rein
Don Howren	Jerry Stephens
Betty Jamison	Sue Torno
Mary Kate Zweidinger	

Family of Ray Kesling (Fumerola)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, December 8	Christmas Party @5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	Communion/Congregation meeting after church
Wednesday, December 18	First Ladies Christmas Party @12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 19	Parish New deadline
Sunday, December 22	Christmas Fund Offering
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve @6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! - OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday, December 26	OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 27	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, December 29	No Sunday School/Worship @10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! - OFFICE CLOSED

Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Lighting of Advent Candles (Peace)

Emily & Jaelene Burkett

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #695 "Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel Wesley

Solo

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

Bill Paxson

Children's Message

Judy Fabian

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory

\*Doxology #815

Carol

#279 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Scripture

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

Sheryl Cozad

Scripture

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

Sermon

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Carol

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" (insert)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

Postlude

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