

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, February 11, 2024
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *Graham Kendrick*
(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 "Great & Mighty" *Arlene Bigley*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the Holy One!

All: Help us to be holy too!

Leader: Christ Jesus, You brought salvation to those who will see You.

All: Open our eyes and hearts that we might follow You, O Lord.

Leader: Precious Lamb of God, You are the redeemer of the world.

All: We pray for conversion of the world!

Leader: May Your love and peace spread throughout the lands.

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

*Hymn #690 "He Leadeth Me"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord, almighty and benevolent God, we Your children, seek Your favor. Bless us, O Lord, that we might be pleasing in Your sight and find our way to Your kingdom through Your most holy Son. We pray in His name, amen.

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

Anthem "Back to the Church in the Wildwood" *arr. Mary McDonald*

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 "Lift High the Cross" *Sydney Nicholson*

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

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

Hymn "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (insert)

Scripture **2 Kings 2:1-12** (pg. 332-333 O.T.) Sharon Longworth
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (pg. 180 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 9:2-9** (pg. 180 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Why Keep it a Secret?" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #353 "Victory in Jesus"

*Benediction

Postlude (reprisal) "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/11/2024

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.

Thought for the Week: How can I better share Jesus with others?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

2024 Communion Schedule: 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 located on the lobby table and choose a Sunday when you can prepare the elements for Holy Communion.

Toy Drive: We are once again holding our Toy Drive, from now until the end of November, for the Warren Family Mission. If you wish to participate, there will be a bin in the lobby where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at any time. In late November or early December, we will take these toys to the Mission for their yearly Christmas give away. Please keep in mind that while it's fun to shop for the little ones, there are teenagers who need love and support at Christmas also. Thank you in advance for your kindness. If you have any questions please see Karen Schoch.

Heart-to-Heart: This tradition began back in 1989 as a way to contact all members/friends at least once a year to maintain a church connection. This year it will take place today Sunday, February 11, after worship. Please plan to attend and share in some good food and great fellowship. If you would like to contribute to the feast, please use the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

First Ladies: All women of our church are invited for a meeting at Sorrento's for a noon lunch on Tuesday, February 27.

	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/17/24		2/24/24
Attendance	30				
Benevolent	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$1,128.50				
Floating Five	\$ 130.00				
Flowers					
Lilies	\$ 20.00				
TOTAL	\$1,333.50				

January Income	January Expenditures	January Net
\$3,278.50	\$7,167.14	-\$3,888.64

Prayer List

Shut-ins

Donna Beavers	Dean Mahalick	Donna Beavers
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall	Ruth Gilbert
Dave Davis	Larry Mattison	Betty Howren
Darlene Davis	Norma Patchin	Dick Leiby
Rodger Davis	Kay Patrick	Marilyn Leiby
Steve Doracin	Linda Paxson	Glenn Mark
Phil Fletcher	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Ruth Gilbert	Barb Ware	Barb Sponaugle
Betty Howren	Layes Wood	Family of Robert Battison
Greg Leigh		
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, February 11	Heart-to-Heart Sunday, luncheon after worship
Wednesday, February 14	Choir Rehearsal 5:15 p.m./Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (with Communion)
Thursday, February 15	Parish News deadline
Wednesday, February 21	Choir Rehearsal 12:00

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

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