

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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.

Prelude "Unfailing Love" *Pelle Karlsson/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Jack Schrader*
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 "Surely the Presence (of the Lord is in this place)" *Lanny Wolfe*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to His people on Earth!

Leader: For those who fear the Lord are blessed.

All: He shall grow them up like young seedlings in His care.

Leader: May we fear the Lord and ask for His blessings.

All: Bless us, O Lord, for we love You!

Leader: Plead with the Lord for your salvation..

All: We ask for His forgiveness through the Jesus Christ, amen.

*Hymn #805 "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled (tune "Love Divine")

*Unison Invocation:

All: Almighty Father, we are Your children. Grow us and mold us in the love of Jesus Christ, Your true Son. May we follow Your commands to love as we should and spread this love throughout the world making believers of all, not just by our words, but by our actions as well. When we stray from You, pull us close. If we turn away, reset our path. Be with us always and find us suitable for Your kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

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

Anthem "The Gift of Love" *Hal Hopson*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "Lead Me, Lord" *Samuel Wesley*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Freely, Freely" (Organ/Piano) *Carl Owens*

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

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

Hymn #807 "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

Scripture **Deuteronomy 30:15-20** (pg. 186 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **1 Corinthians 3: 1-9** (pg. 167 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 5: 21-37** (pg. 4-5 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Oh. We are but children." Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #399 "We Are God's People"

*Benediction

Choral Response #423 "The Bond of Love" *Otis Skillings*

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/12/2023

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.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Thought of the Week: Do I allow God to grow me?

Covid Precautions: We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

Altar Flowers: It is always nice to remember loved ones with altar flowers. The altar vases are \$50 for two vases or \$25 each.

Phone Directory: Please pick up your new phone directory on the back table in the lounge.

Thank you: Thank you to all who helped get our Sanctuary return ready! It looks even more beautiful with a fresh coat of paint!

Heart-to-Heart: If you aren't staying, please stop and get a to-go package of soup and cookies. Feel free to take cookies to those who are absent.

Spring Bake Sale: The Deacons are having a pre-order bake sale which includes nut, poppy seed, and apricot kolache for \$12 each. An order form is provided on page 4 of the Parish News. Order forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall, on Facebook, or on the church's website at firstuccwarren.org. You can also call the church at (330) 394-4741. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 19. The pick up date is Sunday, April 2 (**Noon to 1**).

Toy Drive: From now until the end of November we will be holding a toy drive 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.

	2/5/23	2/12/23	2/19/23	2/26/23
Attendance	33			
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$ 828.00			
Floating Five	\$ 208.00			
Flowers	\$ 50.00			
TOTAL	\$1,141.00			

January Income	January Expenditures	January Net
\$4,980.43	\$23,247.14	-\$18,266.71

PRAYER LIST

American People	Betty Jamison
Laurie Baker	Dicky Leiby
Becky Callahan	Jim Lytle
Betsy Chapley	Peggy Marshall
Kaye Doran	Glenn Mark
Michael Fenstermaker	Mary Sabol
Phil Fletcher	Bob Spencer
Ruth Gilbert	Barbara Sponaugle
Dale Hensley	Ukraine People
Betty Howren	Tricia Unger (Mark)

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, February 12
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Wednesday, February 15
Wednesday, February 22

Heart-to-Heart luncheon after worship
Kickoff of Annual Toy Drive
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.