

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 18, 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 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *Rosamond Johnson*
(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 #219 "Surely the Presence (of the Lord Is in this Place)"
Lanny Wolfe

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Almighty God, You are the Creator of all things, seen and unseen.

All: We too are Yours, and come to You through Jesus.

Leader: May we always find refuge in You, O Lord.

All: We, Your children, seek You through Christ.

Leader: Look not at our failures, but rather what is in our hearts.

All: Find favor with us, O Father.

Leader: Strengthen our resolve to do Your will and to love as we should.

All: We pray in Jesus' most holy name, amen.

*Hymn #139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Father in Heaven, look not on our sins, but rather our intentions. Search our hearts and prepare them for the coming of Your Son. Let us be ever vigilant and prepared for the coming of our Lord. For we seek Your kingdom and know there is but one way home...Jesus. We pray to be found worthy of His coming and we do so in His name, amen.

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

Anthem "Here I am to Worship" *Tim Hughes/arr. Cindy Berry*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" *Psalter, 15*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "When Israel was in Egypt's Land" *African-American Spiritual*

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

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

Hymn #539 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Scripture **Genesis 9:8-17** (pg. 7 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad
1 Peter 3: 18-22 (pg. 234 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 1: 9-15** (pg. 34 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Be Ready" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn (insert) "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Benediction

Postlude #429 They'll Know We Are Christians *Peter Scholtes*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/18/2024

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: Am I ready for the return of Jesus?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

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: Thank you to the Deacons and all who supported and participated in this year's Heart-to-Heart event! It was a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

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

Easter Bake Sale: The Deacons are taking pre-orders for kolache, apricot, walnut, and poppy seed) at \$12 each. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 10, 2024 and the pick-up date is Sunday, Sunday, March 24, 2024 between 12:00 -1:00 p.m. There are order forms in the lobby and on the website (firstuccwarren.org) or you can call the office at (330) 394-4741.

	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/17/24		2/24/24
Attendance	30	33			
Benevolent	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$1,128.50	\$733.00			
Floating Five	\$ 130.00	\$130.00			
Flowers					
Lilies	\$ 20.00				
TOTAL	\$1,333.50	\$863.00			

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

Prayer List

Shut-ins

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

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 21	Choir Rehearsal 12:00
Wednesday, February 28	Choir Rehearsal 12:00
Sunday, March 3	Floating Five
Monday, March 4	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6	Choir Rehearsal 12:00/Men's Fellowship 9:00

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