

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, February 25, 2018**  
**Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service**  
*(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude Arioso *Bach*  
Piano: Karen Fumerola Organ: Jeannine Morris  
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements Donny Longworth

Choral Introit #219 "Surely the Presence (of the Lord Is in This Place)"  
*Lanny Wolfe*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, O God, we come to worship you and sing your praises!

**People: We love you and worship you!**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have paid the debt for our sin,

**People: We worship you and give you thanks.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, you love us when we are unlovable,

**People: We are forever grateful for your love.**

Leader: Spirit of God, we walk in friendship with you,

**All: Forever be by our side.**

\*Hymn of Praise #293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

\*Unison Invocation

**Almighty and ever loving God, we worship you and give you thanks for counting us as your own. May we forever walk in your friendship and love, pleasing you Almighty Father, as we follow your Son. We ask that you stay by our side and lead us out of the shadows of sin and into the light of love. Amen.**

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

Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Prayer #349 "O How He Loves You and Me"

Time of Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days" *St. Flavian tune, 1562*

Anthem "He Became a Lamb" *Mary Kay Beall*

Children's Message Joanne Bode

Offering Meditation

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Give Me a Clean Heart *Douroux*

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

\*Offering Prayer

New Membership: Brenda Hibbard

Scripture **Genesis 17:1-7** (pg. 13 O.T.) Beverly Desavigny

Scripture **Mark 8:31-38** (pg. 44 N.T.)

Sermon "Do Not Be Ashamed" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn of Commitment #665 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing #692 "God Will Take Care of You" *Stillman Martin*

Postlude Fantasy in A Minor *Bach*

**PRAYER LIST**

Joanne Bode, Esther Clark, Kaye Doran, Aiden Elder, Debby Fabian, Phil Graham, Don Howren, Ashton Hunter, Norma Patchin, Caroline Pratt, Bob Spencer, Barb Sponaugle, Search Committee, James Warren, Danny Weber

Baker(Conklin) family, McLean family, Rulick family

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon*  
*Director of Music: Karen Fumerola*  
*Organist: Jeannine Morris*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2/25/18

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: Beverly Desavigny Reader: Marilyn Leiby

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

We lost two of our longtime standing members of our church this week. Olive Baker, who passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018, was 103 years old and had been a member of this church for over 42 years. Ray McLean passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the age of 95 and he had been a member of this church for 45 years. We will certainly miss them both and we need to keep their families in our prayers.

We welcome our new member, Brenda Hibbard, to the First United Church of Christ.

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 on the table in the lounge and choose a Sunday when you can take part. Thank you!

*The Elders*

**Sunday, March 11: One Great Hour of Sharing**, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, and the altar flowers.

*Bob Spencer*

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.

	2/4/18	2/11/18	2/18/18	2/25/18
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>		
Benevolent	\$ 55			
Floating 5	\$ 106	\$130		
Flowers				
Building Imp				
Current Expense	\$1518	\$859		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1679</b>	<b>\$989</b>		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, February 25  
Monday, February 26  
Thursday, March 1  
Sunday, March 4  
Monday, March 5  
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Wednesday, March 7  
Thursday, March 8  
Sunday, March 11  
Tuesday, March 13  
Thursday, March 15

New membership  
Deacons mtg. @7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five  
Elders mtg. @6:00 p.m.  
Consistory @7:00 p.m.  
Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a..m.  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
OGHS Special Mission Offering  
Search Committee mtg. @7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m./Parish News deadline