

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 25, 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 "Dawn of Promise" *Ray Nolpe/arr. R. R. Perry*
(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 "Lord, Who Through These Forty Days" *Psalter, 1592*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: O God of power and might, protect us from the Evil One.

All: Send Your angels to protect us from Satan's influence.

Leader: You alone are the Holy One. We seek Your love and protection.

All: Guide us, O Lord, that we might be pleasing in Your sight.

Leader: We ask for Your mercy and forgiveness for our failures.

All: Grant us Your salvation, paid for by Jesus' sacrifice.

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to do Your bidding and to love as we should.

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

*Hymn #23 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*Unison Invocation:

All: We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

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

Anthem "Seek Ye First (the kingdom of God)" *arr. Douglas Wagner*

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

Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Know Whom I Have Believed" *James McGranahan*

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

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

Hymn #535 "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"

Scripture **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16** (pg. 13 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Romans 4: 13-25 (pg. 155 N.T.)

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

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

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Get Thee Behind Me Satan!" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #571 "Trust and Obey"

*Benediction

Postlude "Onward Christian Soldiers" *Arthur Sullivan*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Who am I listing to? Jesus or Satan?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Rev. Gammon

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.

Thank You: The chili, salad, and cookies were so good and a tasty meal for us! I had forgotten it was "Heart to Heart" Sunday. So very glad YOU all remembered! Our grateful thanks to all of you and to the Fumerolas for delivery! Times are difficult, but traditions keep us strong...we are with you in spirit.
Dick & Marilyn

	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24	2/25/24
Attendance	30	33	21	
Benevolent	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$1,128.50	\$733.00	\$1,711.00	
Floating Five	\$ 130.00	\$130.00	\$ 120.00	
Flowers				
Lilies	\$ 20.00		\$ 9.95	
TOTAL	\$1,333.50	\$863.00	\$1,840.95	

January Income

\$3,278.50

January Expenditures

\$7,167.14

January Net

-\$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
Rodger Davis	Norma Patchin	Dick Leiby
Steve Doracin	Kay Patrick	Marilyn Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Linda Paxson	Glenn Mark
Donald Gammon	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Ruth Gilbert	Barb Ware	Barb Sponaугle
Betty Howren	Layes Wood	
Greg Leigh		

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, February 27
 Wednesday, February 28
 Sunday, March 3
 Monday, March 4
 Wednesday, March 6
 Sunday, March 10

First Ladies @ noon, at Sorrentos
 Choir Rehearsal 12:30
 Floating Five
 Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal 12:30/Men's Fellowship 9:00
 Bake Sale Pre Order deadline