#### FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### Sunday, February 4, 2018

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

(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

<u>Prelude</u> "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" David H. Hegarty

(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 #211 "Let There Be Praise" Dick & Melanie Tunney

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks and praise to our God for His abundant love!

**People:** We honor your glory, O Lord, and dwell in the love you give.

Leader: The power of God's love is beyond our understanding and is truly

a gift!

People: The Lord, our God, opens His heart to all His children.

Leader: God's all-encompassing love can turn back the tide of hate and evil.

All: May God always walk with us and keep us strong in His love.

\*Hymn of Praise #210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*Unison Invocation

Almighty Father and Faithful Friend, we come into your house this day to worship you and to sing your praises. May we use this time together to grow in love and service to you and to one another, as you fill our hearts with your love and intentions. Help us not to walk in error, but in love. Amen.

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

Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Prayer #193 "God Is So Good"

Time of Silent Prayer

**Morning Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #634 "More Love to Thee" William Doane

Anthem "I Thank You Lord" Joseph Martin

Children's Message Joanne Bode

Offering Meditation

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" Michael Joncas

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

\*Offering Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 40:28-31 (pg. 668 O.T.) Beverly Desavigny

<u>Scripture</u> **1 Corinthians 13:1-13** (pg. 175 N.T.)

Sermon "God Love is Good Love" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn of Commitment #335 "Though I May Speak"

Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Peter Scholtes

<u>Postlude</u> "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lani Smith* 

Jeannine Morris is our guest organist this Sunday. She and her husband currently attend Christ Episcopal church where they sing in the choir and she directs the hand bell choir.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2/4/18

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, <u>you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.</u>

Next Week - Liturgist: Judy Fabian Lay Reader: Brenda Hibbard

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

We welcome Rev. Gerald Gammon today and thank him for the beautiful Sunday service.

Today's "loose offering (coins or cash)" will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put in an envelope and mark the envelope "Floating Five". Thank you for your support!

The Search Committee & Elders will meet after worship today.

The Elders & Rev. Gammon will meet on Saturday, February 10th @10:30 a.m.

Heart-to-Heart Sunday is coming up next Sunday, February 11. We get together for a simple chili lunch with heart-shaped cookies following morning worship. This tradition began back in 1989 as a way to contact all members/friends at least one time that year to maintain a church connection. We can use some help with food donations. A sign up sheet is on the lounge table.

#### Consistory will meet on Monday, February 12th @7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16th, the First Ladies will meet at Ohio Living Lake Vista Herron Dining Room for lunch at 12:30 p.m. We will need a count of how many by Tuesday, February 13th. Please call Sally Spencer at (330)638-0340 if you are planning on attending.

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.

	1/7/18	1/14/18	1/21/18	1/26/18
Attendance	30	30	39	33
Benevolent	\$ 5	\$ 50	\$ 10	
Floating 5	\$ 62	\$ 176	\$ 132	\$130
Flowers	\$ 30			\$ 60
Building Imp		\$ 2	\$ 10	
Current Expense	\$812.50	\$ 775.50	\$1147	\$412.50
Milly Atkins MF		\$ 210.00	\$ 55	\$ 25
Hall rental				\$100
TOTAL	\$909.50	\$1213.50	\$1354	\$727.50

## **PRAYER LIST**

Joanne Bode, Esther Clark, Kaye Doran, Aiden Elder, Phil Graham, Don Howren, Betty Mark, Ray McLean, Norma Patchin, Caroline Pratt, Search Committee, James Warren, Danny Weber

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, February 4 Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five Wednesday, February 7 Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m. Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11 Heart-to-Heart Sunday lunch after worship

Monday, February 12 Consistory @7:00 p.m.