

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 4, 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 "Arioso" *J. S. Bach*
(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 "Great and Mighty" *Marlene Bigley*

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, help us to share the Good News of the gospel.

All: May we spread Your love with pure hearts.

Leader: Son of God, help us to bring more people to God through You.

All: Not for our glory, but for Yours.

Leader: Holy Savior, be with us as we minister to Your people.

All: Empower us, O Lord, that we might share the will of Your Father with others.

Leader: May we find lost souls and bring them to You and salvation.

All: We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

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

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord Jesus, we praise You and glorify You as God incarnate. We humbly ask for Your blessing on our life and the work we do on Your behalf. Help us to discover within ourselves our talents and abilities to best serve the needs of those who have yet to discover You. We are Yours, Lord Jesus, and we seek to please You, O Lord. Bring us to where we need to be to be pleasing in Your sight. We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

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

Anthem "Heal Us, Lord Jesus" *Peter Smith*
Readers: Judy Fabian, Diane Lemaster & Joanne Bode

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Argentine folk song*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "He Went about Doing Good" *John Peterson*
*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymn #512 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Scripture **Isaiah 40: 21-31** (pg. 670 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (pg. 171-172 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 1:29-39** (pg. 35 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "For the Sake of the Gospel" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #415 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

*Benediction

Postlude "Go ye into all the world"
(Organ/Piano) *Harry Loes*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/04/2024

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: Do I live the Gospel for myself or for Jesus?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

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

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: This tradition began back in 1989 as a way to contact all members/friends at least once a year to maintain a church connection. This year it will take place on Sunday, February 11, after worship. Please plan to attend and share in some good food and great fellowship. If you would like to contribute to the feast, please use the sign-up sheet in in the lobby.

	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24
Attendance	30	20	21	27
Benevolent	\$ 15.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$1,423.50	\$176.00	\$280.00	\$814.00
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	\$120.00		\$340.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00			
Memorial			\$ 50.00	
Poinsettias				\$20.00
TOTAL	\$1,478.50	\$296.00	\$330.00	\$1,174.00

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

Prayer List

Shut-ins

American People	Greg Leigh	Donna Beavers
Donna Beavers	Dean Mahalick	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall	Betty Howren
Dave Davis	Larry Mattison	Dick Leiby
Darlene Davis	Norma Patchin	Marilyn Leiby
Rodger Davis	Linda Paxson	Glenn Mark
Steve Doran	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Phil Fletcher	Barb Ware	Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert	Layes Wood	
Betty Howren		
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, February 4	Floating Five
Monday, February 5	Elders/Deacons @6:15, Consistory @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 7	Elders @ 2:00 p.m./Choir Rehearsal @ noon
Sunday, February 11	Heart-to-Heart Sunday after worship