

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, January 12, 2025
Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (234) 424-3444
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. Please silence cell phones during the service.

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Jesus" John Wyeth
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon
People: **"And also with you."**

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Reach Out for the Gift" Steve Trippett

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself at baptism so that we might see.

People: **Let the waters of the Holy Spirit rush over us!**

Leader: Perfect One, bless us with Your presence, that we might carry You to all the world.

People: **Through us, may the whole world bear witness to the Father saying "This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased"!**

Leader: We have been baptized with You, O Lord, with water, Spirit, death, and resurrection. We are Yours Lord Jesus!

People: **Fill us up with Your love. Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn #393 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Unison Invocation:

Gracious God, we are Your people through our Lord Jesus Christ! Bless us this day and always. We pray in His name. Amen.

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

Installation of Officers

Anthem "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Spiritual*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Fill Me Now" *John Sweney*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Spirit Song" *John Wimber*

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

*Apostles Creed

Hymn #389 "Spirit of the Living God"

Scripture **Isaiah 43:1-7** (pg. 672 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **Acts 8:14-17** (pg. 126 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (pg. 60 N.T.)

All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Up Out of the Water" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #390 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "Breathe on Me" (refrain) *B. B. McKinney*

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" *Eugene Bartlett*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/12/2025

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Happy New Year! May 2025 be filled with joy and blessings for you and your family and friends. May Almighty God watch over you and keep you safe from all harm, sickness, and protect you from all evil!

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Benevolence				
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Steve Doracin	Mary Sabol	The family of Betty
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	Howren
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	
Ruth Gilbert	Hailee	
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