

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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.

Prelude Barbara Edwards
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ)

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 “Come! Come! Everybody Worship” *Natalie Sleeth*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord, we seek Your favor.

All: Bless us, O Lord.

Leader: God be with us in this New Year.

All: May Your presence be known by the entire world.

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to bring true conversion to all the world.

All: May we be instruments of Your love to others.

Leader: Father, You sent a Shepherd to guide Your flock.

All: May we be good followers of Jesus, that we might find Your kingdom. We pray in His name, amen.

*Carol #12 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*Unison Invocation:

All: O Lord, we are Your children. We seek Your love and favor. Bless us, O Lord, that we might be pleasing in Your sight. We pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

*Gloria Patri #812 “Glory Be to the Father”

Anthem “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children” *Carey Bonner*

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

Prayer Response “O come to my heart” *Timothy Matthews*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #815 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

Carol #82 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

Scripture **Psalm 40: 1-11** (pg. 513-514 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **1 Corinthians 1: 1-9** (pg. 165-166 N.T.)
“Celtic Alleluia” *Fintan O’Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 1: 29-42** (pg. 92 N.T.)

Pastor: “This is the Word of our Lord”

All: “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon “Praise God for Our Blessings” Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol #56 “To God Be the Glory”

*Benediction

Choral Response “In My Heart There Rings a Melody” *Elton Roth*

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/15/2023

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Thought of the Week: How can I better praise God?

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Dick & Marilyn Leiby

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Income	\$7,005.44
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Loss	\$2,401.44

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Attendance	27	28			
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Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$ 746.00	\$ 756.00			
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Poinsettias					
Bake Sale	\$ 495.00	\$ 17.00			
TOTAL	\$1,281.00	\$1,128.00			

PRAYER LIST

Gloria Ambrose	Glenn Mark
American People	Peggy Marshall
Laurie Baker	Gary Noel
Tammy Boyle	Melissa Rein
Becky Callahan	Mary Sabol
Betsy Chapley	Carol Sin
Sandy Croyle	Bob Spencer
Kaye Doran	Barbara Sponaugle
Sherri French	Ukraine People
Ruth Gilbert	Tricia Unger (Mark)
Debbie Heilman	
MaryAnn Huffman	
Ron Huffman	
Betty Jamison	
Dick Leiby	
Richard Lemasters	

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Thursday, January 19
Wednesday, January 25
Wednesday, February 1
Sunday, February 5

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