

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, January 19, 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 "Thanks Be to Thee" *G. F. Handel*  
(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: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Gracious God, You have blessed us with gifts to share with others.

People: **May we find the way to bless others with these gifts.**

Leader: Blessed Lord, through Your grace we have received the greatest gift of all...salvation.

People: **Help us to share this gift with others, through the Gospel.**

Leader: We pray for the world to find true conversion through Christ.

People: **And we do so in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #182 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Unison Invocation:

**Lord, we know we are not worthy of Thy mercy, but we seek it anyway. Bless us and forgive us, and help us to act out of love with others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

Anthem "The Gift of Love"

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response #641 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Sanctuary" *John Thompson & Randy Scruggs*  
\*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Scripture **Isaiah 62: 1-5** (pg. 692 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad  
Scripture **1 Corinthians 12: 1-11** (pg. 174 N.T.)  
Gospel **John 1: 1-14** (pg. 91-91 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 "Gifts to Share" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "Dresden Amen"

Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy (shall follow me)" *John Peterson & Alfred Smith*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1/19/2025

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: “How do I share the gifts I have been given?”**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

**Financial Statements:** Your end of the year statements are available in the lobby. Please be sure and pick them up off the table or in your mailbox.

**Women’s Luncheon:** They will meet on January 28, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Eat n’ Park on Elm Road. All women are welcome!

**Thank You:** Thank you so much for the generous gift. I love playing the organ for your church. The flower is beautiful. *Barb Edwards*

**Thanks:** I would like to thank the congregation for the lovely poinsettia and the generous gift I received. *Bob Lemasters*

**Poinsettias:** Ten poinsettias were delivered to very grateful families after Christmas. Many thanks to all who donated flowers to shut-ins.

**Floating Five Balance:** \$2,691.55

	1/5/25	1/12/25	1/19/25	1/26/25
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>		
Benevolence		\$ 50.00		
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$306.00	\$387.00		
Floating Five	\$160.00	\$170.00		
Flowers				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$466.00</b>	<b>\$607.00</b>		

**Prayer List**

**Shut-in**

<b>December Income</b>	<b>December Expenditures</b>	<b>December Net</b>
<b>\$5,327.40</b>	<b>\$8,228.49</b>	<b>-\$2,991.09</b>

Ken Armstrong	Ruth Gilbert	Donna Beavers
Joanne Bode	Phil Graham	Ruth Gilbert
Terry Caddell	Denise Long	Dick Leiby
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
Jerry Currie	Larry Mattison	Glenn Mark
Rodger Davis	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Steve Doracin	Joe Vugrincic	The family of
Phil Fletcher	Layes Wood	Betty Howren
Erika Gammon	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday, 1/22/25  
 Tuesday, 1/28/25  
 Wednesday, 1/29/25

Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.  
 Women’s Luncheon 12:30 Eat– N– Park  
 Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.