

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**Worship Service 10:45 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 "Go ye into all the world" *Harry Loes*

\*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Almighty and Everlasting God, we seek to do Your will.

**All: May we follow in the footsteps of Your Son, Jesus.**

Leader: Lord God, help us to bring more of Your children to You.

**All: Assist us in catching those who don't yet know You.**

Leader: Through the works of Your Son, may we bring conversion of the world.

**All: May we share our knowledge and love with all.**

Leader: Help the world to see Your glory and find salvation through Christ.

**All: We pray in Jesus's name, amen.**

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

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Lord, we are sinners, for which we repent. Hear our sorrow, O Lord and grant us Your forgiveness and peace. Bless us and help us to find favor in Your sight. May we be instruments of Your love as we share the light of the world with all around us. We humbly pray in Jesus' name, amen.**

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

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Only Believe" *Paul Radar*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Make Me a Blessing" *George Schuler*  
\*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymn #444 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Anthem "Go Forth and Tell/Fishers of Men" *George Warren & Harry Clarke*

Scripture **Jonah 3:1-5, 10** (pg. 860-861 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad  
**1 Corinthians 7:29-31** (pg. 170 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 1:14-20** (pg. 35 N.T.)  
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"  
**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Let's Go Fishing!" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #446 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Jesus Saves!" *William Kirkpatrick*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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: If Jesus knows me, is He pleased with me?**

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

**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.

**Women of First UCC:** We are meeting for lunch on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Vasillios in Cortland at noon. All women are welcome!

**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.

**Thank You!** To all who helped remove our Christmas decorations from the church. Many hands made short work of it and is much appreciated!

**Thank You:** Thank you, friends, for all the special things you shared with us over the last few weeks. The cards, calls, and poinsettia ( thank you, Joanne) we're so thankful. Special thanks also to the Fumerola family for our bulletins and Upper Rooms during 2023... so-o-o appreciated! We pray God's blessings for 2024. Happy New Year!  
*Dick & Marilyn Leiby*

**Help Wanted:** We are looking for volunteers to participate in our services as Lay Readers/Liturgists. Please see Pastor Gerry if you are interested in this ministry.

	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>30</b>			
Benevolent	\$ 15.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$1,423.50			
Floating Five	\$ 15.00			
Flowers	\$ 25.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,478.50</b>			

<b>December Income</b>	<b>December Expenditures</b>	<b>December Net</b>
\$5,678.72	\$5,868.28	-\$189.56

**Prayer List**

**Shut-ins**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Tuesday, Jan. 23	Women of First UCC 12:00 p.m. Vasillios in Cortland
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Choir Rehearsal Noon
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Elders @ 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Choir Rehearsal Noon
Sunday, February 4	Floating Five