

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 23, 2022

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. If you have not done so, please place your gift to the church in the receptacle near the Sanctuary entrance.

Prelude/Lighting of Candles “We are Many Parts” *Marty Haugen*
Greeting (Organ/Piano)

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:

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Magnificent Lord, look upon Your church with favor.

All: May we bask in Your love always.

Leader: Father of forgiveness, bless us with the salvation promised through Jesus Christ.

All: Help us to walk in the footsteps of He that has no sin.

Leader: In You, O Lord, we are made One with one another.

All: Let each part support the other and together may we act as the Body of Christ.

Leader: Though we are currently Earth bound, bring us to Heaven when our time here is finished.

All: May Your Spirit fill our hearts and guide our souls so that we do Your will and someday see Your face, we pray in Jesus’s name, amen.

Hymn #403 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Unison Invocation :

All: Lord, We are many parts, yet we are all One body. The gifts we have, we were given to share. May the Spirit of love direct our words and deeds so that we are always doing Your will. Guide us, O Lord, and help us to build the Body of Christ, so that it will attract more followers to You and Your kingdom. Through us, may the world know that You and Your love exist. We ask for Your loving guidance through Jesus Christ, 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 #189 “Alleluia” *Jerry Sinclair*

Organ/Piano Duet “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” *Ken Medema/*
arr. Jack Schrader

*Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn #685 “Footsteps of Jesus”

Scripture **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** (pg. 436-437) Sheryl Cozad

Scripture **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a** (pg. 174-175)

Gospel **Luke 4:14-21** (pg. 61)

Pastor: “This is the Word of our Lord”

All: “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon “We are all One body” Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Blessing of the Gifts

*Benediction

Postlude #425 “Bind Us Together” *Bob Gillman*
(Organ/Piano)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/23/22

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Donny Longworth

Thought for the week: “How do I support the rest of the body of Christ?”

COVID Precautions: Because of new cases and deaths resulting from the Covid-19 virus, the threat from the virus still exists. Therefore, we will begin to take the following precautions: face coverings are required for entry into the church and while in the church, use hand sanitizer available at the entrance, we shall maintain a distance of at least 6 feet (on all sides) between family units in the church, refrain from handshakes and hugs, giving of tithes shall will be done using a receptacle at the back of the church, please refrain from singing, cessation of gatherings such as First Ladies and Men’s Fellowship, Bible study will continue in fellowship hall, and the entrance shall be made through the East door and exit shall be made through the West door. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

Thank You: Many thanks for sharing the Christmas altar flowers with us. They are still so pretty! Our sincere thanks also to Karen Fumerola for delivering them. Happy New Year to all of you! Stay healthy & safe. *Dick & Marilyn*

ADDRESS: Janis Williamson, 12941 Olympus Way, Strongsville, OH 44149

Thank You: Many thanks to our talented Barb Edwards for her continuous faithfulness to our congregation even after serving her own church each Sunday. Also, our thanks to our choir members who have been offering music and prayers in worship for our Lord. Thank you, congregation, for the monetary Christmas gift and the beautiful poinsettia to remind me of the gift of Jesus.
Karen Fumerola

Thank You: Dear friends, Thank you so much for the beautiful cards, the comforting phone calls, and your prayers. Jim is home now from the hospital. God bless you all!
Jim & Beverly DeSavigny

| | 1/2/22 | 1/9/22 | 1/16/22 | 1/23/22 | 1/30/22 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Attendance | 26 | 24 | 24 | | |
| Benevolent | \$ 5.00 | | | | |
| Building Fund | | | \$ 10.00 | | |
| Current Expenses | \$431.00 | \$720.00 | \$ 853.00 | | |
| Floating Five | \$281.00 | \$100.00 | \$ 130.00 | | |
| Flowers | | \$ 30.00 | | | |
| Poinsettias | | \$ 18.50 | | | |
| Memorial Fund | | | \$ 100.00 | | |
| WF Mission | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$717.00 | \$868.50 | \$1,093.00 | | |

PRAYER LIST

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| William Anderson | Peggy Marshall |
| Donna Beavers | David Nichols |
| Charles Carl | Bill & Linda Paxson |
| Betsy Chapley | Melissa Rein |
| Beverly DeSavigny | Mary Sabol |
| Jim DeSavigny | Cooper Schoch |
| Ruth Gilbert | Bob Spencer |
| Jimmy Green | Barb Sponaule |
| Marilyn Grounds | Vicky Town |
| Bonnie Isaac | Gail Vidovich |
| Betty Jamison | Joe Vugrincic |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sunday, February 6 | Floating Five |
| Monday, February 7 | Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m./Consistory@7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, February 10 | Parish News deadline |
| Sunday, February 13 | Heart-to-Heart (carry out) |
| Sunday, March 6 | Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five |
| Monday, March 7 | Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m. /Consistory @7:00 p.m. |