

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 28, 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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" *Rev. Robert Lowry*  
(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 "Great and Mighty" *Marlene Bigley*

\*Call to Worship: *Sharon Longworth*

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the food of everlasting life.

**All: Cleanse our spirit, O Lord, that we may be acceptable to You.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, in You all things are possible.

**All: Fill our hearts with Your Spirit and love.**

Leader: Son of God, our world needs Your help.

**All: May the world come to know You and Your salvation.**

Leader: Save us, O Lord, and bring peace to the nations.

**All: We pray in Your most holy name, amen.**

\*Hymn #16 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Heavenly Father, You created the world and all that is on it. Please Lord, save us from damnation by bringing true conversion of our hearts. Bless us, Lord, with the knowledge of Your son, Jesus, that we might follow Him home to You. We worship and glorify, You, O God and do so in the name of Jesus, amen.**

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

Anthem "Commune with Me" *Kirk Dearman*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Argentine folk song*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *17th English C. Melody*  
\*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymn #639 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Scripture **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**(pg. 174-175 O.T.)*Sharon Longworth*  
**1 Corinthians 8:1-13** (pg. 171 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 1:21-28** (pg. 35 N.T.)  
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"  
**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Casting Out Unclean Spirits" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn #56 "To God Be the Glory"

\*Benediction

Postlude "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again" *William Tomer*  
(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: Have I removed unclean spirits from my life?**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

**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.

**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.

**Heart-to-Heart:** This tradition began back in 1989 as a way to contact all members/friends at least once a year to maintain a church connection. This year it will take place on Sunday, February 11, after worship. Please plan to attend and share in some good food and great fellowship. If you would like to contribute to the feast, please use the sign-up sheet in in the lobby.

**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) were 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>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
Benevolent	\$ 15.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$1,423.50	\$176.00	\$280.00	
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	\$120.00		
Flowers	\$ 25.00			
Memorial			\$ 50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,478.50</b>	<b>\$296.00</b>	<b>\$330.00</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	Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world	Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert		The family of Betsy
Greg Leigh		Chapley
Dean Mahalick		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday, Jan. 31	Choir Rehearsal @ noon
Sunday, February 4	Floating Five
Monday, February 5	Elders/Deacons @6:15, Consistory @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7	Elders @ 2:00 p.m./Choir Rehearsal @ noon
Sunday, February 11	Heart-to-Heart Sunday after worship