

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, January 5, 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 "We Three Kings"
(Lighting of the Candles)

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 "Come on, Ring Those Bells"

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord God, You have given us another year to spread Your love.

People: **We praise You and glorify You, O Lord!**

Leader: Gracious One, we pray that we might be favorable in Your sight.

People: **Help us, O Lord, to guide us to the gate of Your kingdom.**

Leader: May this year bring us closer to You!

People: **We seek only to please You, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Carol Congregations Choice

*Unison Invocation:

Lord God, we lift our voices in worship and praise. Fill our hearts with joy and love as we continue on as the Body of Christ. Strengthen us, O Lord, as we work to bring the Good News of Jesus to the world around us. May our good works, and the mission of Christ bring true conversion of the world. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

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

Anthem "Got Tell It"

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

Carol

Congregations Choice

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 690 O.T.)

Sheryl Cozad

Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-12 (pg. 193 N.T.)

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 2 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

Christmas Carols

Congregation Choices

*Carol

Congregations Choice

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response

Postlude

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/5/2025

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Thought for the week: ?

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

	12/1/24	12/8/24	12/15/24	12/22/24	12/29/24
Attendance	23	27	27	24	20
Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$1,383.00	\$233.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,021.00	\$318.50
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Flowers	\$ 50.00				
Christmas					\$479.00
Veterans of Cross					\$100.00
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TOTAL	\$1,556.00	\$362.90	\$1,280.00	\$1,141.00	\$897.50

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Prayer List

Shut-in

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Jerry Currie	Larry Mattison	Marilyn Leiby
Rodger Davis	Paul Muck	Glenn Mark
Steve Doracin	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	The family of Barb
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	Sponaule
Ruth Gilbert	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

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