

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, January 7, 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 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Spiritual/arr. Jack Schrader*
(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 "Jesus, Name Above All Names" *Naida Hearn*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: O Lord, Jesus, You gave Yourself over to the cross for our sins.

All: Let our hearts repent and our souls be filled with Your glory!

Leader: Jesus, baptize us all with the Holy Spirit so that we may be saved.

All: Wash away our sinful nature so that we may follow You.

Leader: Wonderful Advocate, intercede on our behalf!

All: We seek Your mercy and friendship.

Leader: Christ Jesus, where we are weak, strengthen us in Your love.

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

*Carol #290 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord Jesus, though You are without sin, You took upon Yourself the sin of the world and washed us clean. Help us, dear Lord, to turn away from sin and to love as we should. May we be filled with the Spirit of God and carry only love for others in our hearts. We ask for Your strength, not only for ourselves, but for the world around us. We pray in Your name, amen.

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

Installation of Elders

Anthem "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *Spiritual/arr. Stan Pethel*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #292 "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

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 (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)

Carol #598 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

Scripture **Genesis 1: 1-5** (pg. 1 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Acts 19: 1-7 (pg. 139 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 1: 4-11** (pg. 34-35 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Time to do the Laundry" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Carol #597 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

*Benediction

Postlude "Sunshine in My Soul" *John Sweney*
(Organ/Piano)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

01/07/2024

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.

The flower has been placed on the altar in honor and glory of God by Robert & Diane Lemasters, and in memory of Katherine Meeker, Diane's mother.

Thought for the Week: Have I relinquished my sin?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Sunday Service Time Change: On Sunday January 14, 2024 our service will begin at **11:00 a.m.** instead of the usual 10:45. The delay is to allow Pastor Gammon to provide pulpit pastor duty at another church prior to our service.

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.

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 so much for your generosity and Christmas gifts. You have made me feel so welcome.
Barbara Edwards

Thank You: I want to thank the congregation for the generous gift and the beautiful poinsettia. God bless you all!
Bob Lemasters

	12/3/23	12/10/23	12/17/23	12/24/23	12/31/23
Attendance	26	30	28	51	16
Benevolent					
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$1,121.25	\$1,190.50	\$ 696.72	\$1,037.00	\$378.00
Floating Five	\$ 91.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00	\$160.00
Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Vet. of the Cross				\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
Poinsettias	\$ 49.50			\$ 29.75	
Memorial				\$ 200.00	
Bake Sale			\$ 225.00	\$ 10.00	
TOTAL	\$1,316.75	\$1,320.50	\$1,021.72	\$1,431.75	\$588.00

December Income

\$5,678.72

December Expenditures

\$5,868.28

December Net

-\$189.56

Prayer List

Shut-ins

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Jan. 8	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	Parish News deadline