

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, January 9, 2022
Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

(*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.

Prelude "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman" *arr. Ethel Smith*
(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 "In Dulci Jubilo" *German Melody*

*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: Lord Jesus, You who are without sin, were baptized by the Holy Spirit at the hands of John.

All: May the baptism we have received join us to You and make us holy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, because of You our sins are washed away, not with water, but with the precious blood You sacrificed on our behalf.

All: May we forever be cleansed of the sins that lead us away from Your Father.

Leader: You submitted Yourself to the water and the cross on our behalf to save us all from ourselves and sin.

All: May we be purified through You, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, send Your Spirit upon us and make us more worthy of the love we enjoy with Your beloved Father.

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

*Carol #292 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

*Unison Invocation : "Apostle's Creed"

ALL: 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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 #243 "Emmanuel" *Bob McGee*

Organ/Piano Duet "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *A. J. Gordon*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" *Fisher Boyce*

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #465 "Baptized in Water"

Scripture **Psalm 29:1-11** (pg. 504-505 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*

Scripture **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (pg. 60 N.T.)

Sermon "Live Your Baptism" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

Carol #666 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

*Benediction

Postlude #597 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" *Henry Malan*

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Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/9/22

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Bob & Diane Lemasters, and in memory of her mother, Katherine Meeker.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Thought for the week: “How am I baptized in the Spirit?”

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 side) 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*

Thank You: Thank you to my church family for the generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated. God bless you all!
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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

	1/2/22	1/9/22	1/16/22	1/23/22	1/30/22
Attendance	26				
Benevolent	\$ 5.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$431.00				
Floating Five	\$281.00				
Flowers					
Poinsettias					
WF Mission					
TOTAL	\$717.00				

PRAYER LIST

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, Jan. 13	Parish News deadline
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)