

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 2, 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 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" *James McGranahan*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

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 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" *Karl Daw Jr.*

*Call to Worship: *Sharon Longworth*

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the veil that has been removed between us and Heaven.

People: **Through You we see our God and Eternal home.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, You have the power to drive out unclean spirits.

People: **Cleanse us, O Lord, that we might be pleasing in Your sight!**

Leader: Holy Son, we believe that You are the One, the way to Heaven.

People: **Help us to follow You home, dear Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #348 "My Savior's Love" (1, 2 4)

*Unison Invocation:

Glory to You, O Lord! We thank You for Your love and grace. We thank You for Your mercy. We thank You for finding us worthy of Your love. Bless us, Lord, and keep us on the path of Your faithful journey. We pray in the name of the Most High. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #813 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "Sing Your Song of Joy" *Berta & Sonya Poorman*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Grace" *Daniel Towner*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" *B. B. McKinney*

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

*Apostles Creed

Hymn #676 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Scripture **Exodus 34:29-35** (pg. 81 O.T.) *Sharon Longworth*

Scripture **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2** (pg. 180 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]** (pg. 69-70 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 "Look Behind the Curtain" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn #510 "Heaven Came Down"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "How marvelous, how wonderful" *Charles Gabriel*

Postlude (Reprise) "Sing Your Song of Joy"
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/2/2025

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: “Do I help people see Jesus?”

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

Daylight Saving: Saturday, March 8, we turn our clocks ahead one hour.

Easter Lily: Spring is around the corner and so is Easter! Time to order your lilies. The price this year has stayed the same, \$9.95 per plant. The deadline is Sunday, March 30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Suggestions for Funds: We are still asking for suggestions on distribution of our leftover funds when the church closes. There are additional forms in the lobby.

Floating Five Balance: \$2,691.55

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| | 2/2/25 | 2/9/25 | 2/16/25 | 2/23/25 |
| Attendance | 26 | 29 | 23 | 28 |
| Benevolence | | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Building Fund | | | | |
| Current Expenses | \$430.00 | \$705.00 | \$249.00 | \$488.00 |
| Floating Five | \$ 37.00 | \$170.00 | \$130.00 | |
| Memorial | \$ 95.00 | | | |
| TOTAL | \$562.00 | \$925.00 | \$379.00 | \$488.00 |

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| February Income | February Expenditures | February Net |
| \$2,354.00 | \$10,070.80 | -\$7,716.80 |

Prayer List

Shut-in

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| Ken Armstrong | Phil Graham | Donna Beavers |
| Joanne Bode | Denise Long | Ruth Gilbert |
| Terry Caddell | Peggy Marshall | Dick Leiby |
| Becky Callahan | Larry Mattison | Marilyn Leiby |
| Jerry Currie | Ted Paxson | Glenn Mark |
| Rodger Davis | Mary Sabol | Norma Patchin |
| Steve Doracin | Joe Vugrincic | |
| Arleen Duda | Layes Wood | |
| Shirley Fabian | Hailee | |
| Phil Fletcher | | |
| Erika Gammon | | |
| Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world | | |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sunday, 3/2/25 | Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five |
| Monday, 3/3/25 | Deacons/Elders 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, 3/5/25 | Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m./Choir 5:30 p.m./ Ash Wednesday in fellowship hall 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, 3/9/25 | Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks ahead) |
| Wednesday, 3/12/25 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. |