

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./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.

Prelude "The Sweetest Name" *Medley*  
(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 & Mighty" *Marlene Bigley*

\*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: God of all that is and ever will be, we seek to be yours.

**All: Claim us, O Lord!**

Leader: May we commit ourselves to You in Body and Spirit.

**All: Claim us, O Lord!**

Leader: Through Your Son, Jesus, we have been reconciled to You.

**All: Claim us, O Lord!**

Leader: May we be counted amongst Your children.

**All: Claim us, O Lord! Through Jesus we pray, amen.**

\*Hymn #688 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Lord God, we commit ourselves to You through the baptism of water and spirit. May Your spirit forever bind us together and fill our hearts with love for You and our fellow man. May we be good emissaries of the gifts You have blessed us with, using them to further Your kingdom and for the betterment of our brethren. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.**

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

Anthem #350 "God So Loved the World" *John Stainer*

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

Prayer Response #485 "Into My Heart" *Harry D. Clarke*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The Savior is Waiting (Organ/Piano) *Ralph Carmichael*

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

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

Hymn #508 "Love Lifted Me"

Scripture **Psalm 121** (pg. 571 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*

Scripture **Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17** (pg. 154-155 N.T.)

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

Gospel **John 3: 1-17** (pg. 93-94 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Happy Rebirthday!" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn #353 "Victory in Jesus"

\*Benediction

Choral Response #513 "Thank You, Lord" *Seth & Bessie Sykes*

Postlude (refrain) "Victory in Jesus"  
(Organ/Piano)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/5/2023

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.

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

**Thought of the Week:** “Am I living as of the flesh or as of the Spirit?”

**Floating Five:** Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

**Daylight Saving Time:** Next Sunday we spring forward and turn our clocks ahead one hour.

**Covid Precautions:** We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

**Easter Lily:** If you would like to order a lily this year, they are \$9.75 each. Please see the order form in the lobby. The deadline is Sunday, March 12, 2023.

**Spring Bake Sale:** The Deacons are having a pre-order bake sale which includes nut, poppy seed, and apricot kolache for \$12 each. An order form is provided on page 4 of the Parish News. Order forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall, on Facebook, or on the church’s website at [firstuccwarren.org](http://firstuccwarren.org). You can also call the church at (330) 394-4741. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 19. The pick up date is Sunday, April 2, **from noon to 1:00 p.m.**

**Toy Drive:** From now until the end of November, we will be holding a toy drive 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.

	2/5/23	2/12/23	2/19/23	2/26/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$ 828.00	\$1,349.00	\$775.00	\$1,479.00
Floating Five	\$ 208.00	\$ 130.00	\$120.00	\$ 120.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00		\$ 20.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,141.00</b>	<b>\$1,479.00</b>	<b>\$915.00</b>	<b>\$1,599.00</b>

<b>January Income</b>	<b>January Expenditures</b>	<b>January Net</b>
\$4,980.43	\$23,247.14	-\$18,266.71

### **PRAYER LIST**

American People	Betty Jamison
Becky Callahan	Dick Leiby
Betsy Chapley	Jim Lytle
Beverly DeSavigny	Glenn Mark
Kaye Doran	Peggy Marshall
East Palestine People	Mary Sabol
Phil Fletcher	Bob Spencer
Junior Fumerola	Barbara Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert	Ukraine People
Betty Howren	Tricia Unger (Mark)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, March 6  
Wednesday, March 8  
**Sunday, March 12**  
Wednesday March 15  
Thursday, March 16  
Sunday, March 19

Deacons/Elders 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.  
**Daylight Saving Time—turn clocks ahead**  
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.  
Parish News deadline  
One Great Hour of Sharing/Bake Sale deadline