

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 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 "We're Marching to Zion" *Robert Lowry*  
(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 to Worship the Lord" *Charles Yannerella*

\*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Christ Jesus, in You we receive new life!

**People: Take away the bonds of this world and set us free in Heaven.**

Leader: Holy Lord, let not our leaving of this world be our destruction but rather our beginning.

**People: Lord of Life, bring us home!**

Leader: May Your love for us lift us to Heaven, O Lord!

**People: We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #56 "To God Be the Glory"

\*Unison Invocation:

**Almighty and Gracious God, You sent us Jesus so that we may be redeemed and reconciled to You. Please, O God, let us one day walk with Him and all the saints in Your heavenly kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

Anthem "Soon and Very Soon" *Andraé Crouch*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer" *William Bradbury/arr. Frank Asper*

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

\*Apostles Creed

Hymn #779 "I'll Fly Away"

Scripture **Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9** *Sharon Longworth*

Scripture **Revelation 21: 1-6a** (pg. 259 N.T.)

Gospel **John 11: 32-44** (pg. 105 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 "Let's Go Home!" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn #774 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Choral Benediction "When We All Get to Heaven" *Emily Wilson*

Postlude #762 "What a Day That Will Be" *Jim Hill*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11/03/2024

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.

**Thought for the week:** Am I ready to go when the Lord calls me home?

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

**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!

**Got Kolache?** The Deacons will be making and selling Kolache again! (YUM!) To get yours, complete an order form (available in the lobby) and turn it in to a Deacon. Available flavors include: Walnut, Poppy seed, and Apricot. The deadline for orders is November 17th and pickup of the goodies is December 15th between noon and 1 p.m.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Collection week is the third week of November. Boxes full of fun gifts help spread the Gospel to transform children’s lives in over 100 countries. “Shoeboxes” was begun by Rev. Bill Graham and continued by his son, Franklin.

**Poinsettias:** It’s hard to believe, but it is that time of year again to order your poinsettias for Christmas. The cost this year is \$9.95 per plant and the deadline is Sunday, November 17. So, be sure and get your order in!

**Harvest Sunday:** We will start collecting can goods and dry packed foods and toiletries from November 3 until November 17. On November 17, which is Harvest Sunday, we will take in fresh foods and produce. Following the service that day, the foods will be packed up and delivered to the Warren Family Mission. Your donations will be extremely appreciated as they provide Thanksgiving dinners for so many and add to the Mission’s pantry supply.

**Toy Drive:** We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November 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.

	10/6/24	10/13/24	10/20/24	10/27/24
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Benevolence	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$505.00	\$410.00	\$551.00	\$452.00
Floating Five	\$ 29.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Neighbors in Need		\$ 5.00		
Poinsettias			\$ 20.00	\$ 39.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$539.00</b>	<b>\$535.00</b>	<b>\$691.00</b>	<b>\$611.80</b>

<b>October Income</b>	<b>October Expenditures</b>	<b>October Net</b>
\$2,376.80	\$7,778.72	-\$5,401.92

**Prayer List**

**Shut-in**

Terry Caddell	Denise Long	Donna Beavers
Becky Callahan	Dean Mahalick	Ruth Gilbert
Jerry Currie	Peggy Marshall	Betty Howren
Rodger Davis	Larry Mattison	Dick Leiby
Steve Doracin	Paul Muck	Marilyn Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Carter Plott	Glenn Mark
Erika Gammon	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Ruth Gilbert	Joe Vugrincic	Barb Sponaugle
Dick Leiby	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, Nov. 3	Coffee Hour/Floating Five
Monday, Nov. 4	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.