

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**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 "My Tribute" *Andraé Crouch*  
(Lighting of the Candles)

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 "It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks" *Judy Montemayor*

\*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: O God, You are the giver of all things good!

**All: Help us to invest our blessings wisely.**

Leader: Precious Lord, You have set a feast before us.

**All: Let us nourish our souls in Your holiness.**

Leader: Almighty, You provide for us and love us so completely.

**All: May we share Your abundance with others.**

Leader: Bless us, O Lord, and make us pleasing in Your sight.

**All: We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.**

\*Hymn #793 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: We are the children of God. We are blessed beyond measure. We love our Lord and seek to do His bidding. May we grow in faith and service to the Lord. May we gather more fruit for His table. We humbly submit ourselves and all we have to our Almighty God, in hopes of spending eternity with Him in His heavenly kingdom some day. May we be found worthy of His love. We pray in Jesus' name, 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 #791 "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You" *William Gaither*

Anthem "Make It a Day of Thanksgiving" *Mark Patterson*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "We Gather Together" *Netherlands Folk Song*

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

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

Hymn #788 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Scripture **Psalm 123** (pg. 572 O.T.) Sharon Longworth  
**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11** (pg. 209-210 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 25: 14-30** (pg. 28 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

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

Sermon "Use Your Talents Wisely" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Invitation to Communion/Prayer over the elements

Communion (element to be consumed in unison)/Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #786 "Count Your Blessings"

\*Benediction

Postlude (reprise) "Make It a Day of Thanksgiving"

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*NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11/19/2023

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.

**Thought for the Week: How have I invested my talents for the Lord?**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Ron Schoch

**Parish News:** Please pick up your December Parish News in the lobby.

**Advent Wreath:** We are looking for four readers. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby, along with the readings. Thank you for your participation.

**Poinsettias:** It is hard to imagine that Christmas is around the corner but it is six weeks away. So it's time to order those poinsettias. The price is \$9.75 this year and the deadline is **Today!**

**Harvest Sunday:** Today we will take in fresh foods and produce, and following worship, the foods will be packed up and delivered to the Warren Family Mission. Your donations are extremely appreciated as they provide Thanksgiving dinners for so many and add to the Mission's pantry supply.

**Ladies Luncheon:** Our ladies will meet on Tuesday, November 28, at noon at the Eat'n Park on Elm Road. All women are welcome and we hope to see you there!

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 17 after worship where the budget for 2024 will be presented for discussion and approval, as will candidates for two Elder positions that will serve our church for the next three years. Please plan to attend.

**UPDATE:** Angie Wiland currently resides in the Gillette Nursing Home, room 628.

**Donna Beavers:** Hillside Hospital, room #1104, (330) 841-3388

**Thank You:** Thank you for the cards, prayers, and phone calls regarding the loss of our mother, Sue Schoch. She loved the church, and it is so gratifying to know that you loved her back. Thank you for your support. *The Schoch Family*

	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>		
Benevolent	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00		
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$528.00	\$1,082.00		
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00		
Memorials	\$100.00	\$ 460.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$648.00</b>	<b>\$1,642.00</b>		

**October Income**

\$5,876.00

**October Expenditures**

\$7,842.31

**October Net**

-\$1,966.31

**Prayer List**

**Shut Ins**

American People	Mary Sabol	Donna Beavers
Donna Beavers	Ukraine People	Ruth Gilbert
Joanne Bode	Angie Wiland	Betty Howren
Becky Callahan	Layes Wood	Dick Leiby
Betsy Chapley		Marilyn Leiby
Dave Davis		Glenn Mark
Rodger Davis		Norma Patchin
East Palestine People		Bob Spencer
Phil Fletcher		Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert		Angie Wiland
People of Israel		
Dean Mahalick		Jamison Family
Peggy Marshall		Schoch Family
Larry Mattison		
Norma Patchin		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, Nov. 19

Thursday, Nov. 23

Friday, Nov. 24

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Sunday

Thanksgiving—**Office Closed**

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Ladies Luncheon at noon, Eat'n Park