

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, November 24, 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                    “Prayer of Thanksgiving”                    *Netherlands Folk Song/*  
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)                    *arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

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                    “Give Thanks”                    *Henry Smith*

\*Call to Worship:                    Judy Fabian

Leader: Gracious God, You have granted us eternity through Jesus Christ.

**People: In Him we receive, Your grace, our fortune.**

Leader: Father, we lift our hearts to You and give You thanks.

**People: Look upon us with favor and grant us Your peace, O Lord.**

Leader: We look to the return of our Lord with anticipation and eagerness.

**People: Help us to be ready for the return of Your Son. We pray in His name. Amen.**

\*Hymn                    #797    “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

\*Unison Invocation:

**Glory be to You, O Lord! For You are our king and our salvation! We seek only to be pleasing to You and to do Your bidding. Hear us as we pray for Your forgiveness of our past and the strength to do better in our future. Help us to always love as we should. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri                    #812    “Glory Be to the Father”

Anthem                    “Make It a Day of Thanksgiving”                    *Mark Patterson*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response                    “Thank You, Lord”                    *Seth & Bessie Sykes*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                    “Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”                    *William Gaither*

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

\*Apostles Creed

Hymn                    #793    “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Scripture                    **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** (pg. 828 O.T.)                    Judy Fabian

Scripture                    **Revelation 1:4b-8** (pg. 255 N.T.)

Gospel                    **John 18:33-37** (pg. 113 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                    “In Jesus There is No End”                    Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn                    #796    “In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him”

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response                    “Amen”

Postlude                    “Count Your Blessings”                    *Edwin Excell*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11/24/2024

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 see Jesus face to face?

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

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

**Christmas Party:** Our Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your table settings. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will again be the Lock 4 Barbershop Quartet of Akron, Ohio. Join us for a night of fun, food, music and fellowship! Sharon Longworth will be collecting for staff Christmas gifts until Sunday, December 15, 2024.

**Got Kolache** pickup of the goodies is December 15th between noon and 1 p.m.

**Harvest Sunday:** Thank you to all who participated in our food drive to support the Warren Family Mission.

**Samaritans Purse:** Many thanks to those who contributed with Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan Purse. This expression of God's love will bring joy to many deserving children.  
*Karen Fumerola*

**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.

	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	
Benevolence	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$681.00	\$604.00	\$243.00	
Floating Five	\$ 70.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Poinsettias	\$ 59.95	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$866.28</b>	<b>\$724.00</b>	<b>\$393.00</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**

Ken Armstrong	Denise Long	Donna Beavers
Terry Caddell	Peggy Marshall	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Larry Mattison	Betty Howren
Jerry Currie	Paul Muck	Dick Leiby
Rodger Davis	Carter Plott	Marilyn Leiby
Steve Doracin	Mary Sabol	Glenn Mark
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	Norma Patchin
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert	Hailee	Mahalick/Burger Family
Dick Leiby		
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, Nov. 24  
Monday, Nov. 25  
Thursday, Nov. 28  
Friday, Nov. 29

Thanksgiving Sunday  
Hanging of the Greens  
Happy Thanksgiving! (**OFFICE CLOSED**)  
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