

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 26, 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 "Prayer of Thanksgiving" *Netherland Folk Song*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you."
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements Ron Schoch

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks" *Judy Montemayor*

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Giving Lord, we are so thankful for all of Your blessings!

All: May our hearts be open to sharing what we have.

Leader: Lord, we know that You are present in each of us.

All: May we recognize You and care for You as we should.

Leader: Christ Jesus, You came to save us from our sinfulness.

All: Help us to sin no more and to please You always.

Leader: O Son of God, may we, Your earthly body, continue Your mission.

All: We pray these things in Your most holy name, amen.

*Hymn #370 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord! We come together as One, to do the bidding of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we forever proclaim His glory! It is our prayer to be loving and compassionate as our Lord Jesus leads us to be. We seek to follow Him to Heaven when our mission on Earth is complete. 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 #532 "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Solo "Give Thanks" *Henry Smith*
Soloist: Rev. Bill Finnigan

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Pledge Cards

Offertory "Zaccaeus" *Anonymous*

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

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

Hymn #713 "Seek Ye First"

Scripture Gospel **Psalm 8** (pg. 492 O.T.) Ron Schoch
Luke 19: 1-10 (pg. 21 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "A Little Man that Met a Big God" Rev. Bill Finnigan

Anthem "I Love You, Lord" *Laurie Klein*

*Hymn #438 "Jesus Saves"

*Benediction

Postlude #510 "Heaven Came Down" *John Peterson*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/26/2023

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: On what side of Jesus will I be counted?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

We welcome and thank Rev. Bill Finnigan as he serves our church at the pulpit today!

Advent: If you would like to serve the church in a joyous way, consider reading scripture and lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath. A signup sheet and corresponding readings are available in the lobby.

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*

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.

Family Christmas Party: The party will be on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your own tableware. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will be Lock-4, a barbershop quartet from Akron, Ohio with a combined experience of over 100 years of singing music. Come and join us for a great night of food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Staff Gifts: Sharon Longworth will be collecting for staff gifts until Sunday morning, December 10.

	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23
Attendance	25	30	26	
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$528.00	\$1,082.00	\$ 498.00	
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	50.00	\$ 225.00	
Memorials	\$100.00	460.00	400.00	
Wedding			\$ 100.00	
Poinsettias			\$ 29.50	
TOTAL	\$648.00	\$1,642.00	\$1,252.50	

October Income

\$5,876.00

October Expenditures

\$7,842.31

October Net

-\$1,966.31

Prayer List

Shut Ins

American People
 Donna Beavers
 Joanne Bode
 Becky Callahan
 Betsy Chapley
 Dave Davis
 Rodger Davis
 East Palestine People
 Phil Fletcher
 Ruth Gilbert
 People of Israel
 Dean Mahalick
 Peggy Marshall

Larry Mattison
 Norma Patchin
 Mary Sabol
 Ukraine People
 Angie Wiland
 Layes Wood

Donna Beavers
 Ruth Gilbert
 Betty Howren
 Dick Leiby
 Marilyn Leiby
 Glenn Mark
 Norma Patchin
 Bob Spencer
 Barb Sponaugle
 Angie Wiland

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Sunday, Dec. 3

Monday, Dec. 4

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Ladies Luncheon at noon, Eat'n Park

Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent/Floating Five

Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.