

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *J.F. Ward*
(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 "Arise, Shine" *Steven Urspringer/Jay Robinson*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Judy Fabian

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

**People: Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ the Light.**

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we prepare for Your arrival!
All: Our hearts are filled with joy at the promise of Your coming!
Leader: Lord, open our hearts to receive You fully.
All: That we might know You as You know us.

* Call to Worship (continued):

Leader: Be with us in all we say and do.

All: Let us convey only Your love to the World. We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

*Carol #243, 244 "Emmanuel & Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord God, Your love is great. Our lives are blessed because of Your love. We thank You and praise You for all of our blessings and we do so through Jesus Christ, Your Son, amen.

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

Anthem "Long Time Ago" *Natalie Sleeth*

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

Prayer Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Argentine Folk Song*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (Organ/Piano) *Joseph Parry*

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

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

*Carol #261 "Away in the Manger"

Scripture **Psalm 122** (pg. 571-572 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*

Scripture **Romans 13: 11-14** (pg. 162 N.T.)

Gospel **Matthew 24: 36-44** (pg. 27-28 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Get Ready" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

Carol #251 "It Came upon a Midnight Clear"

*Benediction

Postlude "Sing Me Now of Christmas" *French Carol*
(Organ/Piano)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/27/2022

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: Donny Longworth

Thought of the Week: How do I thank God for all He has given me?

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.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting after church on Sunday, December 11 to go over the 2023 budget and elect new officers for consistory on Sunday.

Altar Flowers: It is always nice to remember loved ones with altar flowers. The altar vases are \$50 for two vases or \$25 each.

Thank You: We want to thank our church family for the thoughtfulness and expression of sympathy during Becky's passing. We also want to thank all those who participated in preparation and in supplying desserts for the "celebration luncheon" following Becky's service. A special thank you to Rev. Gammon for the beautiful service conducted at Becky's funeral. *The Kunkel Family*

Christmas Bake Sale: The Deacons are having a Christmas pre-order bake sale. There are walnut and poppy seed kolache at \$12 each and cookies (baker's dozen) at \$5 each. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4th. The curbside pick-up date is Sunday, December 18th from noon to 2:00 p.m. You can call the office at (330) 394-4741 for more information and ordering. Order forms are also available on the church website at www.firstuccwarren.org under the event tab and on the church's Facebook page. The church is located at 280 E. Market St., Warren, Ohio 44481.

Christmas Party: Our Family Christmas party will be held this year on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and table settings. Beverages will be provided. Our entertainment will once again be comedian/magician, Eric Thompson. Come and join us for a great night of food, fun, and entertainment. **I also will be collecting for staff Christmas gifts. The deadline is Sunday morning, December 18.

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Attendance	32		30	
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,110.00	\$292.00	\$ 770.00	
Floating Five	\$ 189.00	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	
Flowers				
Poinsettias		\$ 18.00	\$ 36.00	
Bake Sale			\$ 257.00	
Memorial	\$ 100.00	\$325.00	\$ 225.00	
TOTAL	\$1,454.00	\$785.00	\$1,438.00	

PRAYER LIST

American People	Dick Leiby
Tammy Boyle	Mark Leiby
Becky Callahan	Richard Lemasters
Betsy Chapley	Glenn Mark
Sandy Croyle	Gary Noel
Sherri French	Peggy Marshall
Ruth Gilbert	Linda Paxson
Diana Graham	Melissa Rein
Debbie Heilman	Mary Sabol
Dale Hensley	Carol Sin
MaryAnn Huffman	Bob Spencer
Ron Huffman	Barbara Sponaugle
Betty Jamison	Ukraine People
John Kunkel	Tricia Unger

Kunkel Family
Spencer Family

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Nov. 27	Hanging of the Greens after worship
Sunday, December 4	Bake Sale order deadline
Monday, December 5	Deacons/Elders mtg @6:15 pm/Consistory @7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.