

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 5, 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 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" *Thomas Koschat/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Ethel Smith*

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

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gerald Gammon
Stewardship Moment Judy Fabian

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Love Him, All Ye Little Children" *Carey Bonner*

*Call to Worship: John Kunkel
Leader: Teacher! How we wish to be good students of Your teaching.

All: We humble ourselves before You, O Lord.

Leader: You alone are the Holy One and we seek to please You.

All: Help us to be faithful to You and Your teachings.

Leader: Perfect Christ, lead us in the way of righteousness.

All: Let our feet follow in Your divine footsteps always.

Leader: Master, You are our Lord, we submit ourselves to You now and for ever.

All: We do so in Your most holy name, amen.

*Hymn #38 "Ye Servants of God"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord of Light, take away the darkness from our eyes. Help us to see Your light and to better understand Your teachings. Walk with us as we travel through life and enable us to love as we should. May Your Spirit guide us as Your Word leads us. We pray to be worthy of You, O Lord, and we are humbled by Your love. We are Yours and You are ours. We profess our love for You and our faith in Your teachings. Bless us, Jesus, we pray in Your 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 "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Anthem "Go and Tell, Go and Sing" *David Bridges*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Would Be Like Jesus" *Bentley Ackley*

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

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

Hymn #562 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture **Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37** (pg. 559, 560 O.T.) John Kunkel
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (pg. 203 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 23:1-12** (pg. 25 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Lessons Learned" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Benediction

Postlude "I'll Fly Away" *Alfred Bramley*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/5/2023

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 do I follow the teachings of Christ?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Elders/Deacons Meeting: Monday, November 6, at 6:16 p.m.

Consistory: Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Poinsettias: It is hard to imagine that Christmas is around the corner but it is seven weeks away. So it's time to order those poinsettias. The price is \$9.75 this year and the deadline is Sunday, November 19.

Toy Drive: From now until the end of November, we will be holding a toy drive 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.

Harvest Sunday: As we continue collecting food, November 5-12 will be designated for dry packed foods and toiletries. On November 19, Harvest Sunday, we will take in fresh foods and produce, and 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.

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

	10/1/23	10/8/23	10/15/23	10/22/23	10/29/23
Attendance	21	21	23	26	25
Benevolent	\$ 5.00				
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,020.00	\$1,174.00	\$1,303.00	\$282.00	\$ 861.00
Floating Five	\$ 105.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 120.00	\$125.00	\$ 225.00
Neighbors In Need	\$ 75.00	\$ 1.00			
Memorial		\$ 300.00			
TOTAL	\$1,255.00	\$1,705.00	\$1,423.00	\$407.00	\$1,086.00

September Income

\$3,397.00

September Expenditures

\$8,111.03

September Net

-\$4,714.03

Prayer List

American People
 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

Shut Ins

Ukraine People
 Angie Wiland
 Lays Wood

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

Jamison Family
 Schoch Family

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Nov. 8	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12	Stewardship Sunday/Recognition of Veterans
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Sunday