

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, November 8, 2020
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

(*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 "God of Our Fathers" *George Warren*

Greeting

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gammon

Let us begin our worship today as we join in the Call to Worship:

*Call to Worship Donny Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, You told us that You would return some day.

All: Help us, O Lord, that we might be ready for Your return!

Leader: Christ Jesus, You left us the promise of everlasting life through Your resurrection.

All: Help us, O Lord, that we might be ready for Your return!

Leader: Holy Spirit, help ready us for the Messiah's deliverance.

All: Help us, O Lord, that we might be ready for Your return!

Leader: Jesus, Savior of the world, may we be prepared when You come to take us home.

All: Help us, O Lord, that we might be ready for Your return!

Leader: Lord, we beseech You to be with us always so that we might answer Your call faithfully and fully.

All: Help us, O Lord, that we might be ready for Your return! We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Hymn "God Bless America" *Irving Berlin*

*Unison Invocation

All: Father, we ask You to look upon us with favor. Help us to be prepared when Your loving Son returns to claim Your people. We pray we are among those that He comes for, and ask that if we are not yet prepared, let us open our hearts and minds to Your will, accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and the way home to You. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Stewardship Moment

Special Music "America the Beautiful" *Samuel Ward*
Soloists: Melanie Burger
Beverly DeSavigny

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Alleluia" *Jerry Sinclair*
Soloists: Melanie Burger
Beverly DeSavigny

Anthem "God Bless the USA" *Lee Greenwood*

Veteran Recognition

Offering Prayer

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

Hymn "I Want to Be Ready" *Spiritual*

Scripture **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25** Donny Longworth

Scripture **Matthew 25:1-13**

Sermon "Are You Ready?" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" *James Black*

*Benediction

Postlude "Onward Christian Soldiers" *Arthur Sullivan*

Our soloists today are Beverly DeSavigny and Melanie Burger who are members of our choir, church, and have served on consistory. Thank you, Beverly and Melanie, for sharing you time, talent, and love of God with us today.

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Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330)306-8965
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

	11/1/20	11/8/20	11/15/20	11/22/20	11/29/20
Attendance	29				
Benevolent	\$ 80.00				
Building Fund	\$ 90.00				
Current Exp	\$ 885.00				
Floating Five	\$ 66.00				
WFM	\$ 120.00				
Flowers					
Poinsettias	\$ 32.00				
TOTAL	\$1,273.44				

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, November 8	Stewardship Sunday/Recognize Veterans
Sunday, November 15	Harvest Sunday/Communion
Thursday, November 19	Parish News deadline
Sunday, November 22	Hanging of the Greens
Thursday, November 26	Happy Thanksgiving Day/OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, November 27	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, November 29	First Sunday in Advent
Saturday, December 5	Bake Sale pre-orders end
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent/Floating Five
Monday, December 7	Deacons/Elders mtg. @6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7	Consistory mtg. @7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Third Sunday of Advent/Congregational Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/8/2020

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Craig Cozad

Thought for the week: Am I prepared for Jesus's return?

Bake Sale: The Deacons are having a carry out bake sale just in time for the holidays! The deadline for Thanksgiving orders has already past but you still have one more chance. Get those pre-orders in by December 5th for pickup on December 19th. Order forms are available in the lobby, on the church website, and on Facebook.

Harvest Sunday: We have already begun gathering canned goods for Harvest Sunday which will be Sunday, November 15th. In addition to our traditional gathering of and distribution of food to the Warren Family Mission, we will also be putting together small bags of toiletries to give those in need. Jaydron Bennett (great grandson of Jim & Bev DeSavigny) has been appointed to lead this part of our mission. Thank you, Jaydron, for spearheading this effort.

Altar Flowers: Flowers can now be ordered to be put on the altar in remembrance of a loved one. The price is \$30 for two vases or \$15 each. If you order flowers for Sunday, you are now responsible for disposal/disbursement of those flowers.

Thank You: I would very deeply like to thank all those who have said prayers for my son, Aaron. Three days after Aaron was transferred to Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, the doctor told his mother and me they would do everything they could for Aaron, but we should be preparing ourselves in case a decision would have to be made regarding the ventilator. Less than a week later his heart stopped for four minutes. We felt this would be the time. Four days after that he was off the ventilator, his kidneys were starting to work again, and he called me on his cell phone while I was driving home. If that isn't the power of prayer and God's hand at work, I don't know what is. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you from me and my son's family.

Mark Gammon

Prayer List

Joanne Bode	Mitch Paxson
Melanie Burger	Florence Simons
Shirley Fabian	Irma Smith
Aaron Gammon	Barb Sponaugle
Charlie Grounds	Sue Torno
Don Howren	Gayle Vidovich
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Sympathy/Comfort for those we have lost:

The family of Fred Bode

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Shut-Ins

Irma Allen	Betty Mark
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