

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 22, 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 "Amazing Grace" *arr. Jennifer Cook*
(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

Choral Introit "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *David Lantz III*

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Gracious God, we are in awe of Your benevolence!

All: We thank You for the gift of Your grace.

Leader: Through Your grace we receive many blessings.

All: Though we are not worthy, we thank You for Your love.

Leader: What pleasure and joy You bring to our lives!

All: All good comes from You, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed Lord, please continue to bless us and love us always.

All: We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

*Hymn #435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Father in Heaven, You have told us that Your grace is sufficient to sustain us. We are forever in Your debt for the many blessings and comforts You have given us. Help us to be blessings to others and to love as we should, following the example of Your holy Son. We pray in His name, amen.

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

Pastor Person of the Year Awards

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Anthem "Peace Like a River" *Spiritual/arr.by Joel Raney*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" *Netherland folk song*

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

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

Hymn #593 "Where He Leads Me"

Scripture **Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)** (pg. 550-551 O.T.) Sharon Longworth
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (pg. 203 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 22: 15-22** (pg. 24-25 O.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Grace, A Gift from God" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #344 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

*Benediction

Postlude "Grace, Love, and Fellowship" *Tom Fettke*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/22/2023

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 has God's grace touched my life?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Women's Group: On Tuesday, October 24, the women will be meeting at noon for lunch, at the Eat'n Park on Elm Rd. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Choir Rehearsal: Rehearsals have started and we invite you come on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. If you love to sing, then we are the group you want to join!

Harvest Sunday: Collection of foods will take place starting this Sunday, October 15-29 with canned goods, 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.

Thank You: Thank you all for welcoming me back to the pulpit! I have missed sharing the Gospel with you and I am overjoyed to be with you again. Also, thank you for your love and support as I continue to convalesce.

Pastor Gerry

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

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
Gerald Gammon
Ruth Gilbert
People of Israel
Dean Mahalick
Peggy Marshall
Larry Mattison

Shut Ins

Norma Patchin
Mary Sabol
Sue Schoch
Ukraine People
Angie Wiland
Layes Wood
Donna Beavers
Ruth Gilbert
Betty Howren
Betty Jamison
Dick Leiby
Marilyn Leiby
Glenn Mark
Norma Patchin
Sue Schoch
Bob Spencer
Barb Sponaugle
Angie Wiland

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 24
Wednesday, October 25
Wednesday, November 1
Sunday, November 5

Women's Luncheon at noon, Eat'n Park
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five