

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, October 24, 2021**  
**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 "Tell Me the Old, Old, Story" *William Doane*  
(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 as we join in the Call to Worship:

\*Call to Worship: Donny Longworth

Leader: O God, You have loved us from the beginning of time.

**All: We thank You for Your love and compassion.**

Leader: Father, You sent Your Son to open our eyes that we might see more clearly.

**All: Help us to see You in all that surrounds us.**

Leader: Lord, we seek Your face and favor. Bless us with the sight of You.

**All: And may we behold Your glory!**

Leader: Jesus came to light the path home to You. Let us follow Him so that we may truly see.

**All: We ask for these blessings in Jesus' name, amen.**

Hymn #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Glorious God, You gave us eyes so that we might see. Help us to use them to see Your presence in the world. Let us be thankful for the blessings that abound in our lives and to appreciate all that is of You. Open our eyes that we might find You in the smallest things in our lives and know with confidence that

You are always with us. May we find You in others, and we pray they find You in us. When we look at the world You have created, may our eyes see Your glory. We pray in Jesus' 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 "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Open Our Eyes" *Robert Cull*

(Organ/Piano)

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

Hymn #572 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture **Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22** (pg. 508 O.T.) Donny Longworth

Scripture **Mark 10:46-52** (pg. 47 N.T.)

Sermon "Open Your Eyes and See" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn #564 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *Anthony Showalter/*  
(Organ/Piano) *arr. David Smither*

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*Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/24/21

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: Sheryl Cozad

**Thought for the week:** “How can I serve like Jesus?”

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a Congregational meeting following today’s worship.

**Parish News:** Please pick up your November Parish News in the lobby.

**Thank You:** Dear Congregation members, I sincerely thank you for remembering me on Clergy Appreciation Day. The thoughtful gift and sentiments are humbly appreciated. It is my honor to serve you all. Thank you.

**Thank you:** Thank you to all the Deacons and others who donated their time and baking goods to produce cookies for the order of 50 dozen cookies! Also, a special thank you to those that stayed after church last week to plate the goodies for delivery.

**Bake Sale:** The Deacons are having their first bake sale of the season which includes: apple, blueberry, cherry & peach pies for \$7 each and zucchini (walnuts), banana (walnuts) & pumpkin breads for \$6 each. Order forms are available in the lobby, at [firstuccwarren.org](http://firstuccwarren.org) or call the church. Get your orders in before the deadline of November 7, 2021. Pickup date is Saturday, November 20, 2021, between 10:00 a.m. and noon at the church.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir Rehearsal has begun and we meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for singers. Please come and join us. All are welcome!

**Communion Preparation:** Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule for 2021-2022 and choose a Sunday service when you can prepare the elements.

	10/3/21	10/10/21	10/17/21	10/24/21	10/31/21
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>		
Benevolent		\$ 5.00			
Building Fund	\$ 50.00				
Current Expenses	\$ 835.00	\$908.00	\$ 465.00		
Floating Five	\$ 127.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 220.00		
Flowers	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00			
Neighbors in Need	\$ 37.00	\$ 5.00			
Baker Sale			\$ 350.00		
WFM	\$ 120.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,199.00</b>	<b>\$958.00</b>	<b>\$1,035.00</b>		

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to order flowers to be put on the altar in remembrance or honor of a loved one, the price is \$30 for two vases or \$15 each. If you order flowers for Sunday, you are responsible for disposal/disbursement of those flowers. See Karen Fumerola if you have questions about containers, flower book, etc.

### PRAYER LIST

William Anderson	Peggy Marshall
Donna Beavers	Ethel Maximum
Betsy Chapley	David Nichols
Beverly DeSavigny	Mary Sabol
Junior Fumerola	Meredith & Adam Smith
Ruth Gilbert	Bob Spencer
Jimmy Green	Barb Sponaule
Marilyn Grounds	Vicky Town
Charlies Ground	Marna Williams
Betty Jamison	

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 24	Congregational mtg. after worship
Thursday, October 27	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Monday, November 1	Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:15 pm/Consistory @7:00 pm
Wed., November 3	Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.