

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 12, 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 “Onward, Christian Soldiers” *Arthur Sullivan/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Piano/Organ) *arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

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:

Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, You bore our sins upon the cross.

All: Help us to carry the cross in our lives so that we may be good followers of You.

Leader: Just as You stumbled under the load of the cross, we, too, sometimes falter.

All: May we have the strength to get back up and persevere in Your name.

Leader: Lord, we know we can count on You to help us with our burden.

All: Through Your Spirit may we also help one another carry our burdens.

Leader: May there be no load that we cannot carry with Your loving support.

All: We ask You to always be by our side and to help us when we need it. We do so in Your most holy name, amen.

Hymn #747 “Sunshine in My Soul”

*Unison Invocation:

All: Glorious God, we, Your children, seek Your favor and Your grace. Be merciful and grant us pardon for our transgressions. Grant us wisdom, strength,

and peace. Send Your Spirit upon us and enlighten us so that we always know the way home to You, O Lord. In every task or test set before us, let us be victorious with You as our ally. We pray for Your help, love, and support in all we do. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Gloria Patri #812 “Glory Be to the Father”

Special Music “Footprints”
Soloist: Bill Paxson

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #340 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *Helen Lemmel*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Bill Paxson

Doxology #815 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn #598 “Where He Leads I’ll Go”

Scripture **Proverbs 1:20-33** (pg. 584-585 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **Mark 8:27-38** (pg. 43-44 N.T.)

Sermon “Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus” Rev. Gerald Gammon

Communion Hymn #602 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (stanzas 1 & 2)

Invitation to Communion

Hymn #602 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (stanza 4)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Benediction

Postlude

“Redeemed”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/12/21

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: Beverly DeSavigny

Thought for the week: “What have I done to carry the cross in my life?”

Choir Practice: Choir Practice has begun and we meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for new 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 when you can take part.

Back to School!: It’s that time again! We are collecting school supplies. A list of suggestions has been posted in the lobby. Please bring in items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. We thank you for supporting this effort!

Altar Flowers: If you would like to order flowers 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.

Thanks: Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and kind words after the passing of my brother, Jim. We so appreciate getting to have a time of fellowship and remembrance here in the dining room at First U.C.C.

Family of Junior Fumerola

	9/5/21	9/12/21	9/19/21	9/26/21
Attendance	25			
Benevolent	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$580.00			
Floating Five	\$126.25			
Flowers				
Hall Rental	\$100.00			
WFM				
Someplace Safe	\$100.00			
TOTAL	\$961.25			

PRAYER LIST

William Anderson	Mary Sabol
Donna Beavers	Bob Spencer
Betsy Chapley	Barb Sponaugle
Charlie Cope	Vicky Town
Charles Grounds	Marna Williams
Betty Jamison	Andrew Youngblood
Peggy Marshall	Michele Youngblood

Family of James Fumerola

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 12	Opening/Sunday School @9:30 a.m./Worship @10:45
Monday, September 13	Elders/Deacons @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Wed., September 15	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 16	Parish News deadline
Wed., September 22	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Wed., September 29	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.