

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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. If you have not done so, please place your gift to the church in the receptacle near the Sanctuary entrance.

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *arr. David Smither*
Greeting (Organ/Piano)

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: Donny Longworth

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord Jesus, You take away the sin of the world.

All: Have mercy on us!

Leader: Lord Jesus, Your blood from the cross has washed us clean.

All: Have mercy on us!

Leader: Prince of Peace, You said "My peace I give you".

All: Grant us Your peace.

Leader: Lord, we seek Your favor and ask in Your name.

All: Amen.

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

* Unison Invocation :

All: Lord, You have given all of Yourself to us. Help us to freely give all of ourselves to You. May we not want for things of this world, but rather those of the next so that we may be enjoined with You. We pray in Jesus's 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 "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carrol/Christopher Walker*

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

Hymn #591 "Have Thine Own Way"

Scripture **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (pg. 577-578 O.T.) Donny Longworth

Scripture **Philemon 1: 1-21** (pg. 215-216 N.T.)

"Only Believe"

Paul Rader

Gospel **Luke 14:25-33** (pg. 78 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Forsake the World for Jesus" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn #353 "Victory in Jesus"

Presentation and Blessing of the Gifts

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

*Benediction

Postlude "He Touched Me"
(Organ/Piano)

William Gaither

ANNOUNCEMENTS

09/04/2022

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Sheryl Cozad, and in celebration of their anniversary.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Thought for the week: “Am I willing to give it all to follow Jesus?”

Covid Precautions: Consistory met February 27, 2022 and decided that we will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

Altar Flowers: It is always nice to remember loved ones with altar flowers. **The altar vases increased to \$50 for two vases or \$25 each.**

Choir Rehearsal: Choir Rehearsals started on Wednesday, August 31, at 3:30 p.m. All singers are welcome to come join!

Worship Change: On Sunday, September 11, 2022, we will go back to the 10:45 a.m. worship schedule. Sunday School will start at 9:30 a.m. We will have Opening/Coffee Hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Back to School: Once again we are collecting school supplies to give to the children at the Warren City Schools. The basket will be in the lobby. Thanks for all your donations!

Thank You: Thank you to all who participated in our annual picnic yesterday! A good time was had by all who came. Thank you Deacons for doing another spectacular job in providing for our church family!

Service of Healing: On September 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. our church will hold a service of healing. As a congregation, our family has been hit hard this past year with loss of loved ones and we share the grief of those losses. Let us now come together to share in the healing that only our Lord can provide. Dinner will follow the service.

	8/7/22	8/14/22	8/21/22	8/28/22
Attendance	31	20	22	27
Benevolent	\$ 25.00			
Building Fund	\$ 140.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,625.00	\$399.00	\$335.00	\$2,771.00
Floating Five	\$ 241.00	\$120.00		\$ 200.00
Flowers		\$ 50.00		\$ 25.00
Memorial		\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00
Someplace Safe	\$ 120.00			
TOTAL	\$2,151.00	\$694.00	\$435.00	\$3,046.00

Thank You: I want to thank my church family for the many beautiful cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent surgery. God bless! *Janis Williamson*

PRAYER LIST

American People	Gary Noel
Joanne Bode	Mary Sabol
Betsy Chapley	Michael Sabol
Sandy Croyle	Bob Spencer
Ruth Gilbert	Barb Sponaugle
Debbie Heilman	Ukraine People
Betty Jamison	Gail Vidovich
Dick Leiby	Rob Waid
Glenn Mark	Janis Williamson
Peggy Marshall	John Wyko

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day—Office Closed
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10	Service of Healing and Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 11	Sunday School @9:30 a.m./Worship @10:45 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 12	Elders/Deacons @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7 p.m.