

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, September 8, 2019**  
**Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.**

(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Prelude "Processional for a Joyful Day" Dale Wood

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements Donny Longworth

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to atone for our sins.

**All: May we turn from our past and look to a future with You.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, You showed us the way to the promised land.

**All: Help us to follow Your loving example.**

Leader: Keep us from back sliding into our old selves.

**All: May we be renewed in Your likeness and Spirit. We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise #407 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: O Lord, we come together before You today to present ourselves as Your followers. Help us to be renewed in Your love and let go of our past so that only the future with You is in our sights. May we always follow the example of love and righteousness that You gave us, and may we be pleasing in the sight of Your father. Help us to steer away from sin and prosper in Your love. 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)

Children's Message

Judy Fabian

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Clara H. Scott

\*Doxology

Hymn

#591 "Have Thine Own Way" (1, 2, 4)

Scripture

**Jeremiah 18-1-11** (pg. 720 O.T.)

Donny Longworth

Scripture

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

Sermon

"Don't Look to the Past"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn of Commitment

#602

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

David N. Johnson

Jeannine Morris is our guest organist this Sunday. She and her husband, Karl, currently attend Christ Episcopal church where they sing in the choir and she directs the hand bell choir. Thank you, Jeanine, for sharing your talents with us today.

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Guest Organist: Jeannine Morris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/8/19

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: Craig Cozad Lay Reader: Beverly DeSavigny

**Friendly Reminder:** Please turn off, or set your cell phone to silent

**Thought for the week:** “How are we letting our past block our future?”

**Thanks:** Thank you to all who helped with last week’s reception for our esteemed Elder Emeritus induction! Thank you to the Deacons for their hard work in organizing the Annual Picnic!

**First Ladies:** On Wednesday, September 18, the ladies will meet at the church. Please bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided. Please plan to attend! ALL Ladies ARE WELCOME!

**Back to School!:** The First Ladies will continue to collect school supplies. Please bring in items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. We thank you for supporting this effort!

**Bulletin:** If you would like items included in the bulletin, please have them to Nancy no later than the Thursday morning prior to the Sunday you wish them to appear in the bulletin. This includes prayer requests, music selections, announcements, etc. Doing so allows more time for preparation and review of the bulletin prior to publication. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**School Starting:** School has begun for the area children. Let us be mindful of this when we drive and pray for them to have a successful school year.

**Congratulations:** Dear Glenn, Bill & the family of Nick Fabian: I wish I could be there to help honor and celebrate your Elder Emeritus awards. Right now I am waiting to see what the hurricane is planning to do. All of you have done so much for our church. You really deserve this title. Best regards and may God bless you all.  
*Virginia Neff*

	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>
Benevolent	\$ 55	\$ 8		
Floating Five	\$ 159	\$130	\$ 130	
Flowers				\$ 60
Building Imp		\$ 8	\$ 28	
Current Exp	\$1781	\$587	\$7028	\$592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1995</b>	<b>\$733</b>	<b>\$7186</b>	<b>\$652</b>

## PRAYER LIST

Clyde Baker	Tiffany Priester
Donna Beavers	Jerry Stephens
Tammy Boyle	Karen Terko
Herb Cottrell	Sue Torno
Sheri French	Jim Waller
Don Howren	Bob Wiland
Betty Jamison	Marna Williams
Marlin Martin	Layes Wood
Lloyd O’Keefe	Mary Kate Zweidinger

The family of Margaret Pingley (Jr. Fumerola’s sister)  
The family of Charlie Wood

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 8	Opening/Coffee Hour
Monday, September 9	Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:15 p.m.
Monday, September 9	Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 11	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18	First Ladies @12:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, September 18	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 19	Parish News deadline