

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



**“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you’re welcome here.”**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

† Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Saint Clair, United Church of Christ, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you're welcome here.

CHIMES

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

PRELUDE

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

† CALLING ON GOD

Rose Crowley

This is the word of God, according to the prophet Joel: It shall come to pass that I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams.

People of God, we have been baptized into one Spirit and one body through Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy
NCH277 vs 1 & 4

† OPENING PRAYER

Rose Crowley

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth. Let us pray.

We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now

longing to know the touch of your spirit, that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us, that we may recognize you and sing your praise, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

The Children Are Excused For Sunday School

THE FIRST READING Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, KJV Rose Crowley

MUSICAL MEDITATION People Need The Lord

THE SECOND READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12, CEV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON “The Edges of Life: Who Shall Live?” Dr. Guerreno

†HYMN God Of Our Life
NCH366 vs 1, 2, 3

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY There Is A Balm In Gilead

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are love, Holy God. Jesus tells us that and our lives tell us that. You are perfect love. You are infinite love. You are love beyond description. Jesus says so. Our lives say so. So here are these gifts. We thank you for loving us. We thank you for encouraging us to love each other. We wonder why it's so hard. Help us, Holy One, to love each other as best we can, knowing that in the giving of these gifts we make a commitment to do just that, in the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing
NCH77 vs 1, 2, 3

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

We Sing To You, O God



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Barb Jeffries' family, Diane Liebetreu and her family, Carol Carroll, Susan Couch, Bryce C. DeLand, Eric Fandrlick, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Jan Yager, Rachel O'Connor, Marge Guinther, Ann Whittaker. Also, remember to pray for all who are serving in the military, first responders, medical personnel, and our elected officials.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Tim Galvin

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg **USHERS:** Pat O'Connor, Don O'Connor

READER: Rose Crowley **POWER POINT:** Ash Currie

COFFEE HOUR: Pat, Don & Finley O'Connor

2/4/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Don O'Connor

COMMUNION: Cathy Light

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Kathy Cilluffo POWER POINT: Jody Skonieczny

COFFEE HOUR: Don & Nancy Rice

READER 2/11/24 – Barb Fandrick

OPEN AND AFFIRMING INCLUSIVE CHURCH COVENANT

The members of the First Congregational Church of St. Clair, United Church of Christ, declare that we are a fully inclusive, Open and Affirming Congregation. We affirm the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and believe that all people are children of God. As such, we welcome to the community of faith all people of diverse race, physical and mental abilities, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, and socio-economic status. We covenant to provide to all a safe, loving, nurturing and compassionate community.

~CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS~

WELCOME CHUCK GUERRENO

Chuck can be reached at the church 10:00 – 4:30 Thursday through Friday, 11:00 – 4:30 on Saturday, and 8:00 – noon on Sunday. Chuck can be reached at stclairinterim@gmail.com and (989) 980-0061.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee invited a prospective minister to tour St. Clair in October. The search committee members are Co-Chairs Avery Skonieczny & Don Rice, Rose Crowley, Mike Kennedy, Don O'Connor, Kathy Rood, Kathy Cilluffo, Sam Tricomo, Vicki Kling and Ash Currie. We are available for your questions and concerns regarding the pastoral search in person or email at firstcongsc@gmail.com.

CURIOUS ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

If you're wondering about becoming a church member, please speak with Pat O'Connor or Chuck to set up a time to chat. Your questions about the United Church of Christ and this church specifically will be answered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning 2024, Sunday School will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

Our Communion Offerings are usually placed in a Pastor's Emergency Fund. Those needing emergency assistance are screened and, when available, funds are provided.

THE LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY

This small pantry is a community outreach program sponsored by The Mission Team of this church. It is stocked twice weekly with non-perishable food. Donation requests may change but the need to feed does not.

For January
Give thanks and sing
For the baby king.
Worship him
With food you bring

January Food Pantry Needs

Cereal
Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter
Rice
Soup
Spaghetti
Canned Spaghetti Sauce

Please leave donations in the elevator room on any one of the shelves labeled LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is each Sunday immediately following worship. There are several Sundays available to host coffee hour. Please be sure to check out the sign-up sheet on the back table of the sanctuary.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed February 2 through February 9. The office will reopen February 13.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship, February 11.