

**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

February 4, 2024 – Fifth 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

God Of Our Life

## PRELUDE

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

## † CALLING ON GOD

Kathy Cilluffo

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts and your voices!

**We lift them to God.**

Lift up your spirits! Lift up your minds!

**We lift them to God.**

Let there be peace and purpose in this place.

**Let there be boldness and challenge, new awareness and fresh understanding.**

Let there be worship, in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

**Amen!**

## †HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim  
NCH305 vs 1, 3, 4

## †OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Cilluffo

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**



†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We bring gifts, Holy God, and we're sure you notice. We bring gifts here and now, and we know you know. Help us to remember other gifts are out there, as well, gifts we can bring to other places at other times, knowing you'll notice that, too. We bring gifts, Holy God. Help us bring them as needed, where needed and when needed, that your kingdom would come, in the name of your Son. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

Invitation  
Sharing The Story  
Blessing The Elements  
The Meal Is Served  
Thanksgiving After The Meal

†**CLOSING HYMN**

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know  
NCH49 All

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE**

A Parting Blessing  
Choir



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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 Fandrick, 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: 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

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON:**

"What Is Always Wrong With Every Church"

Psalm 111, TEV 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, TEV

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## **2/11/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

SUNDAY STEWARD: Don O'Connor

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Barb Fandrick POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

READER 2/18/24 – Elsa Pennewell

## **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](mailto: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 [firstcongscc@gmail.com](mailto:firstcongscc@gmail.com).

## **CURIOS 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.

February holds  
the heart of each year  
When our love for others  
is defined and clear.

Where there is hunger  
and the need is near,  
Show your love,  
give food right here.

**February Pantry Food**

Cereal  
Canned Fruit  
Mashed Potato Pouches  
Peanut Butter  
Spaghetti  
Canned Spaghetti Sauce  
Hearty Soup

**February Extras**  
**For Valentine's Day**  
Cake or Cookie Mix  
Candy

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.

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Charles Guerreno	Interim Minister
Pat O'Connor	Moderator
Don Rice	Treasurer
Denise Gregg	Organist
Penny Malcolm	Christian Education
Tim Galvin	Sound Technician
Wendy Drinkard-Wojtas	Office Administrator
Kristie Lamb	Bookkeeper
Cindy Frey	Custodian

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