

**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 11, 2024 – Transfiguration Sunday

† Those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided by Lezlynn Moore in memory of Mary Moore and Charles F. “Charlie” Moore.

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

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

PRELUDE

We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

† **CALLING ON GOD**

Barb Fandrick

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 Spirit, Ever Dwelling

NCH59 vs 1 & 3

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Barb Fandrick

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 111, TEV
Barb Fandrick

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, TEV
Dr. Guerrero

SERMON

“What Is Always Wrong With Every Church”
Dr. Guerrero

†**HYMN**

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
NCH42 All

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

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

† **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

† **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**

Jesus Shall Reign
NCH300 vs 1, 3, 5

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

Deep In The Shadows Of The Past



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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: Tim Galvin

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Barb Fandrick POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

2/18/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Don O'Connor

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

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

READER: Elsa Pennewell POWER POINT: Pat O'Connor

READER 2/25/24 – Jacie Sanders

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
firstcongrsc@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.

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 this morning.

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Tuesday – Friday
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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
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