

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "In the Bleak Midwinter" Holst/McFadden
Adult Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We invite all members and guests to provide your name, address, and telephone number on the attendance pads that are at the end of each pew.)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Leave your darkness at the door.

P: The season of light is dawning.

L: It is a time of celebrating.

P: The birth of hopes,

L: The flame of compassion,

P: The cradle of wonder,

L: The bud of peace.

P: The darkness is fading.

L: The waiting is almost over.

P: Bring in the season of light.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Joy to the World" Hymnal # **246

OPENING PRAYER

Surprising God, your word set wonder in motion. Like Mary, we are filled with amazement that you have found favor with us and that you choose to be present to the world through us. We join Mary in giving birth to hope, to love, to peace for all creation, in all corners of the world. We praise you for the gift of your Son, whom we follow. Surprising God, bless us again and open us to the wonder of your love flowing in us and through us. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-2, 5-9

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING Bill & Sally Brown (8:30)
Roger & Susie Collins (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30) "We Three Kings" Hopkins/Dobrinski
Adult Handbell Choir

ANTHEM (11:00) "How Shall We Know Him" Gilbert M. Martin
Chancel Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymnal # **211** (verses 1 & 4)

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF COMMON CUP: As we get closer to winter weather we would like to remind you that Faith Community UMC will close on the days that the Xenia Community Schools close due to inclement weather. If there is no school due to bad weather on a Wednesday, then we will not have Common Cup. If weather becomes inclement during the day on Wednesday, please watch your local news stations for evening cancellations. We will do the best we can at communicating with you through the winter season. Let's hope the weather does not present unsafe conditions for our staff, volunteers, and guests. Be safe.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) OPEN HOUSE: If you would like to attend the IHN Open House on Friday, December 12, please RSVP with Pastor Rick. We will get a tour of the building, get an update on their ministry, and meet their new Director, Kimberlee Ellison. The plan for the morning is to meet at the church at 11 am, work on a very small project, and arrive at IHN shortly after 11 am. We will probably stay for 30-45 minutes before coming back to FCUM.

Don't forget to bring your donation for the **FISH FOOD PANTRY**. The pantry relies on your generous giving. We need non-perishable food items and paper products. In the Narthex there is a container for you to leave your donations.

DID YOU KNOW? That Pastor Brad sends out a Weekly Community e-mail? If you would like to receive it, send a note to bgolson@aol.com.



CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Monday, December 8th

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Stephen Ministries	Rm 6
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Special Olympics Basketball	FCC
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts	15 C

Tuesday, December 9th

10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Common Cup Meal Prep	Kit
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mary Rebecca Circle	Parlor
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Girl Scout Leader Meeting	15 B, C
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	God & Family	Rm 11
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	God & Me	Rm 12

Wednesday, December 10th

10:00 am	Deadline for 12-14-14 bulletin	
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Preparations for Common Cup	
4:50 pm – 5:35 pm	Youth/Agape Handbell Choir	Music Room
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Common Cup Dinner	FCC
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Rooms
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal-Adult	Music Room
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Kid's Club	
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Lydia Circle	Parlor
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary, Nursery

Thursday, December 11th

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Thursday Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Grief Support	Parlor

Friday, December 12th

Saturday, December 13th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Cub Scouts	15 C
3:00 pm – 9:00 pm	XTF Christmas Party	FCC, Kit

Ushers (8:30)	Eric Fleming, Jim Osborn, Larry Russell, Bill Vahle
Ushers (11:00)	Rick Smith, Rob Smith, Edward Stidham, Dick Strous
Greeters (8:30)	Brenda Boroff
Greeters (11:00)	Don & Jo Luttrell
Liturgist (8:30)	Dick Montgomery & Sandy Pramer
Liturgist (11:00)	Barb Thompson
Acolytes	Ciara Horney & Riley Shaw
Chancel Choir Director	Mark Manley
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Choir Director	James McPeck

11-30-14 Offering \$7,848.00

Weekly needed \$10,419.00

SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bonnie Weimer in memory of loved ones.

and by Barbara Eckstrand in memory of her husband, Gordon Eckstrand.

CONNECT YOUR HEART TO GOD!

Join us in finding ways to connect YOUR heart to God. xpress urself opens at 2:15pm. Dinner from 5:00pm– 6:00pm. Contact Susan @ 287.0690 for tickets by 3:40pm. \$3/youth & \$6/adult. 6:00pm-8:00pm – Youth fellowship time – games, message, worship, announcements, prayer, small group time, getting to know each other and how to connect with God. xpress urself will close at 8:15pm. Join us, bring a friend, meet new friends, see old friends and have an awesome time!!!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Are you in 8th grade or older and are interested in what it means to be a member of Faith Community Church? Confirmation may be just for you! Starting in mid/late January, we will be having a series of classes that speaks to making that commitment. Watch for more details...Contact Susan if you are interested. We are also looking for Mentors. If you might be interested, be in touch with Susan.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED OUR 2014 FALL BAZAAR

With your help we were able to earn over \$2500 this year towards our 2015 Youth Mission Trip. We appreciate your continued support!

DINE OUT @ BOB EVANS

All day Sunday, December 14th, Monday, 15th and Tuesday, 16th we will be having a fundraiser at Bob Evans in Xenia. Bring a flyer to Bob Evans, hand it in when you pay and the youth will get 15% back to help fund their mission work in Xenia and beyond! Flyers located in the FH information bins.

ADVENT OFFERING FOR LOCAL MISSIONS: This year the Advent and Christmas Offering will go to support local missions. There are people in need all over the world, including Xenia. This year we will focus on those in need in our own backyard. The groups that the special offering will support will include: Community Action Partnership (CAP), FISH, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and the Red Cross. Please give generously.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2015 are available for pick up in the Narthex through, Sunday December 28th. Any envelopes not picked up by December 30th will have to be mailed at a cost of \$2.00 per box. When picking up your envelopes, if you see a name of someone that you know who will not be able to pick them up and you will be seeing them, it will be a cost saving to the church if you could deliver them. It would be appreciated if everyone would use the envelopes with their contribution number so that proper credit can be given when processing in the computer system. An envelope has to be made up when the numbered envelope is not used. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this process.

NEXT SUNDAY - We will have a 8:30 am traditional worship service and we will have a worship service at 11 am which will combine the spirit.fire and 11 am traditional service. This later service will take place in the sanctuary. The Children's Choir will perform a Christmas Cantata at the later service. Please invite a neighbor or friend!

ATTENTION ALL MEN: You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Men of Faith which will be on December 15th. The meeting will be in room #6. Start time is 6:30 PM and a meal will be served. Come at 7:00 if you only want to attend the program where we will be singing Christmas Carols and then moving to the Chapel to take part in Communion. Please call William (Brownie) Brown (372-7373) if you plan to attend for the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend. Hope to see you on the 15th.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped cook, serve, and supplied cookies for the meal at St. Paul on December 2nd.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND will present a program of Christmas Music on December 14, 2014 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary at Faith community UMC. The band is under the direction of Glen Shaw. This group is made up of musicians from all over the Miami Valley area. The program will consist of both sacred and secular music and will last approximately one hour. Admission is free, but donations for the purchase of new music are accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE: To give our dedicated volunteers some much deserved time off, the church office will close at noon Wednesday December 24, 2014, and will reopen Monday January 5, 2015. If you need anything from the staff many of them will be working during this week, but irregular hours. We will be checking the outside mail slot, voice mail and email during this week. If you need to get into the church, please call the church to set up an appointment. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing was created. The life that was in him became light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. To all who receive him, who believe in him, he gives power to become children of God.

The Word became flesh, a man named Jesus. He lived among us, full of grace and truth. From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.

In his name God has sent the Holy Spirit to teach us and to remind us of all that he has said. We believe that because he lives, we shall live also, to the glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal #71

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(The ushers will receive our morning offering to support the many vital ministries through Faith Community.)

OFFERTORY(8:30) "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength"
OFFERTORY (11:00) "We Three Kings" Hopkins/Dobrinski
Adult Handbell Choir

****DOXOLOGY** Hymnal #95

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****GOSPEL** Luke 1:46-55
L: *The Word of God for the people of God*
P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Serving with Song: Joy to the World" Pastor Brad Olson

COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: And so...as we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: And so...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: ...Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All people who desire to be followers of Jesus Christ are invited to receive the sacrament. The ushers will distribute the elements by trays to each pew. Please hold each element until all have been served and we will commune together.)

****CLOSING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymnal #89

****TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

****BENEDICTION**

****CHORAL BENEDICTION** (11:00)

SERMON NOTES

December 7, 2014

"Serving with Song: Joy to the World"

Luke 1:46-55

Who wrote "Joy to the World"?

Why was it written?

What scripture is it based on?

Why does the first verse say that there is joy?

What is our role in experiencing joy?

Why does the second verse say that there is joy?

When have you experienced the Savior's reign?

What does the third verse say that we should do because of the Lord's coming?

What will you do this Advent to keep sin and sorrow from growing?

How does the last verse say that the Lord rules the world?

Has there been a time recently when you have followed the Lord's example?

What will you do differently this week because of this song?

-Brad Olson



2nd Sunday of Advent

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP BULLETIN

Sunday December 7, 2014

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 - 11:00 AM Social Time in F Hall A & B

11:00 AM spiritfire in Community Center

11:00 AM Children's Church **Room 12**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30 AM

Karen Mossing **Preschool** **Room 5**

Julie Wickline **K - 2nd grade** **Room 12**

Jerry Johnson **3 - 5th grade** **Room 11**

Virginia Pinkerton **Combined Youth** **Room 8**
Susan Fellie

Adult **Explorers Class** **Room 6**

Adult **Double I** **F Hall 15 C**

Adult **Open Doors** **Room 1**

Adult **Friends and Followers** **Room 3**

**POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Beethoven/Wolaver
** (Indicates please stand if able)

Adult **Young Spirits Revisited** **Room 4**
Women **Ladies Only** **Room 7**
Nursery care is available during all services in Room 2
