

December 15, 2019

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
Handel, Cash, Gilder, Tomlin/Tornquist

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner
(We invite members & guests to provide your name & contact information in the attendance pad as it is passed through the row.)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

**Introit Chancel Choir

** Call to Worship

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

L: We begin in the name of the Lord who made us.

A: Let us sing and worship together as we praise God's holy name.

**Opening Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vs. 1-3) UMH #213
Chorus "Joy to the World" (vs. 1-2) UMH #246

**Gospel Lesson Luke 1:39-47

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Betsy & Mike Murray
Hymn of Response "Crown Him King of Kings" (see insert)

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

Prayers of the Faithful & 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"
Amy Grant and Chris Eaton/Carol Tornquist

** Doxology UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication Rev. Andy Wagner

Anthem Chancel Choir

Message "The Redemption of Scrooge – Part 3"
"Finding Joy in the Present" Rev. Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

** Taking the Light into the World

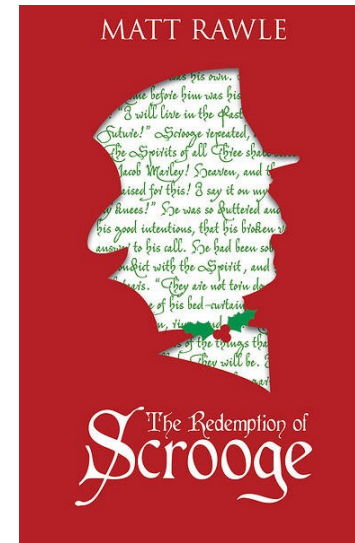
** Benediction

** Choral Response

** Postlude "Joy to the World"
George Frederick Handel/Marilyn Ham

*Altar Flowers are given by Chris and Gary Allen
in memory of their granddaughter, Jennifer Burdick*

Monday 16	Preschool Advisory Board	12:30 pm	Library
	Men of Faith	6:30 pm	Rm 16B
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Priscilla Circle	7:00 pm	Parlor
Tuesday 17	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor
	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C, 16 A
	Ad Board Council	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 18	DEADLINE FOR 12/15/19 BULLETIN		
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 19	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
Friday 20	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 21	Preschool Christmas Program	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday 22	Sunday School	9:00 am	Preschool through Grade 5, Rm 12 & Grades 6-12, Rm 8
	Fellowship & Coffee	10:00 am	FH 15 A & B
	Worship	10:30 am	Sanctuary



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"Worship Together, Grow Together, Serve Together"

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Worship Team

Ushers	Ed Stidham, Robert Smith, Rick Smith, Dick Strous, Jim Osburn
Greeters	George Knight
Liturgist	Joe Kennedy
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing & Micah Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Jim McPeek

Next Sermon – Sunday, December 22:

“The Redemption of Scrooge – Part 4: From Fear to Love” Rev. Andy Wagner

Gospel Lesson – Luke 1:39-47

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Mary’s Song

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Announcements

Let’s Celebrate! We will be having a reception for Pastor Andy and Lora on Sunday, December 15, following the worship service. Please come and relay your best wishes to them.

The Community Christmas Concert Band will present its annual concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Both sacred and secular music will be performed. There is no admission fee but donations for the purchase of new music will be accepted. The concert will last about one hour. Come join us for an opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Let’s Keep It Clean: The Trustees request your help and cooperation keeping the Narthex and Sanctuary clean and free of stains. Please do not bring food or drinks other than water from the Fellowship Time, Sunday School classes or outside the church into the Narthex or Sanctuary. We have already had to clean up some spills. Your help and cooperation is appreciated.

Attention All Men: The Men of Faith will be serving a meal at 6:30pm on December 16th in the Youth Rm 16B. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be the election and installation of officers for 2019. We will then sing Christmas Carols followed by communion in the Chapel. Please call Bruce Pickelheimer at 937-376-2361 if you plan to attend the meal, so we can plan the quantity of food. All men are welcome and you can bring a friend.

Help with Altar Flowers: If you are interested in helping organize and order the Altar flowers each week, please contact Dolores Strous at 937-372-5078.

Door Mats: The Trustees would like to purchase 4 new mats to put outside the entrance doors to the narthex, office and community center. They would like to have the Methodist flame and say Welcome and possibly have the church

name. We are trying to do all we can to protect the new flooring.

(If you would be interested in donating to help offset the cost,

please mark your check or envelope Door Mats.)

