

## January 5, 2020

\*\* (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "For God So Love the World" Harold De Cou

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: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**P: Your steadfast love is established for ever, your faithfulness is firm as the heavens.**

L: Let us worship God together.

**A: We offer our praise to the Lord of heaven and earth.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

\*\*Chorus "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328

\*\*Scripture Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

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

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Merciful God, we come before You with praise and thanksgiving! Through Jesus Christ, you have lavished on us every spiritual blessing we could possibly imagine! Before the world was created, you already knew us and loved us. You adopted us as your own children, and redeemed us through the blood of Christ. Even more, you have made us your heirs, and given us your own Spirit as a sign and guarantee. How we praise you! Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us here. May our worship this morning bring you**

**honour and glory, for you alone are worthy of our praise. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" UMH #247

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 "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"  
John W. Peterson

\*\* 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 "Heaven and Earth Together" Rev. Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH #13

\*\* Closing Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

\*\* Taking the Light into the World

\*\* Benediction

\*\* Choral Response

\*\* Postlude "Victory in Jesus" Eugene Bartlett

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*Altar Flowers are in honor of Dolores Strous, to thank her for her hard work and dedication assuring there were flowers on the Altar for every service for over 50 years.*

# JANUARY

Monday 6	Bible Study w/ Pastor Andy	2:00 pm	Parlor
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	Rm 5, 11, 12, 15 A,B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 7	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	SPRC	4:30 pm	Rm 6
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C, 16 A
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 8	<b>DEADLINE FOR 1/5/20 BULLETIN</b>		
	Finance Mtg	6:00 pm	Library
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Lydia's Circle	7:00 pm	Parlor
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 9	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Prayer Shawl	11:30 am	Parlor
	Membership Care	12:30 pm	Rm 6
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Grief Support	7:00 pm	Parlor
Friday 10	Xenia H.S. Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 11			
Sunday 12	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

## Sunday School Studies

**Explorers** meet in Room 6, Leaders Char Lee & Cheryl Vahle study of **"30 Life Principles"** by **Charles F. Stanley**.

**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"Because of Bethlehem"** by **Max Lucado** during Lent.

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor studying **The Wonder of Christmas** by **Ed Robb & Rob Renfroe**.

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader is Chad Mousing will be studying **Didn't See It Coming**.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in The Edge, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children under the leadership of Betsy Murray, Karen Mousing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



## Faith Community United Methodist Church

**"Worship Together, Grow Together, Serve Together"**

### January 5, 2020

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### Worship Team

Ushers

Gerald Mahan, Bill Turner,  
Rick Smith, Chad Mousing

Greeters

Lora Wagner, Nathan Wagner,  
Zach Wagner

Liturgist

Sandy Pramer

Acolytes

Morgan Fleming & Micah Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Choir Director

Jim McPeek

## Announcements

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**Pledge Envelopes:** This year's pledge envelopes can be picked up in the narthex.

**Altar Flowers for 2020:** The flower calendar for the New Year 2020 is on the table in the narthex. There are changes starting the first of the year. This is going to be handled through the church office. You will be responsible for ordering your altar arrangement and delivery to the church on Friday morning or you can pick it up and bring it to the church. It will be refrigerated until Sunday. Someone from the office will call the week before to get the information for the bulletin and remind you about ordering the flowers. You can order from Flower Stop at 372-1436 in Xenia or Furst Florist in Dayton at 223-1213 or any place you choose.

**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.

## Gospel Lesson – Ephesians 1:3-14

### Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment — to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

Next Sermon – Sunday, January 12

"I Believe in the Father"

Rev. Andy Wagner

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 19