

November 22, 2020

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. John Guliano

** Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

L: Hallelujah!

P: AMEN.

**Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH#140

Chorus "He is Exalted" See Insert

Opening Prayer (unison)

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives – with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others – that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Prayer Hymn "Give Thanks" See Insert

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Rev. John Guliano

**Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4: 4-10

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Giving Thanks In All Things" Rev. John Guliano

** Closing Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH#694

** Sending Forth

** Postlude



*A special thank you to Alice Osman, Sandy Pramer
and Ann Ledbetter for the beautiful
Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*



Monday 23	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
Tuesday 24	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Wednesday 25	DEADLINE FOR 11/29/20 BULLETIN		
Thursday 26	Church Office Closed 		
Friday 27	Church Office Closed		
Saturday 28			
Sunday 29	Worship Service	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 6, 12, 15 C, Parlor Library, The Edge
	Worship Service	11:00 am	FCC

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle study of "The Case for Christ" by Lee Stroble.

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World" by Douglas Connelly.

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Yes, Lord I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses" by James Moore.

Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

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

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



REJOICE!



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Guest Pastor

Rev. John Guliano

Ushers

Rick Smith, Doug Wickline,
Paul Pinkerton, Bill Turner

Liturgist

Julie Wickline

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

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WORDS: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)
 MUSIC: Henry Smith
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 Irregular

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⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Acknowledgment of the Philippians' Gift

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Announcements

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GREENE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Interested in volunteering? To complete an application, go to: www.KetteringHealth.org select Patient and Visitor, then Volunteer, scroll down to Greene and complete application, then submit.

TO EVERYONE AT FAITH COMMUNITY: I want thank all of you for all that you have done for both Dolores and myself in the past few months. Your kindness and concerns for us have been so great and very much appreciated. She enjoyed the short visits when food was brought to our home. It has been very humbling for both of us and to know that I guess we have made a difference in many people's lives. We never thought we made that much difference. All the great meals, the help when we moved, the many cards of concerns and encouragement during our rough time and much more. Many of you sent cards, made phone calls as well as some visits to our home. That was great and much appreciated. As most of you know, her passion was the flowers on the altar each week and she very intent on making sure that was done; ie: the ordering, the placing and just about everything as far as the flowers went. You may not know that each Saturday night when I checked the church, I had to make sure the flowers were there and that they had enough water. Again, we both thank everyone for their thoughts, prayer, and concerns for both of us during this time and the future. We have and are blessed with a great church family. Dick Strous

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