

January 3, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" arr. by Gail Levin Pollock
Flo Harner and Carol Stewart, piano/organ duet

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

P: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

L: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

P: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

L: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

P: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

A: O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You.

**Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH#117

Opening Prayer (unison)

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH#707

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 Flo Harner, vocal solo; Gene Foiles, piano
"Lord of All Hopefulness" arr. by Nancy Grundahl

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 29:11-14

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Leaving a Legacy" Pastor Ben Webster

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

** Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH#156

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "The First Noel" arr. by Gail Levin Pollock
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| Monday 4 | 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 5 | Xenia HS Winter Guard | 3:30 pm | FCC |
| | SPRC | 4:30 pm | Library |
| | Magic Volleyball | 6:00 pm | FCC |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:00 pm | Rm 15 A,B,C, 16A |
| | Trustees | 6:30 pm | Rm 6 |
| Wednesday 6 | DEADLINE FOR 1/10/21 BULLETIN | | |
| Thursday 7 | Prayer Shawl | 11:00 am | Rm 16 A-B |
| | Magic Volleyball | 6:00 pm | FCC |
| Friday 8 | Xenia HS Winter Guard | 3:30 pm | FCC |
| | Magic Volleyball | 6:00 pm | FCC |
| Saturday 9 | | | |
| Sunday 10 | Traditional Worship | 9:00 am | Sanctuary |
| | Sunday School | 10:00 am | Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16 A-B Parlor, Library |
| | Contemporary Worship | 11:00 am | FCC |

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle study of **"Images of the Spirit."**

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 Rm 16 A-B, 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.





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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers

Gerald Mahan, Bill Turner,
Chad Mossing, Rick Smith

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Acolytes

Micah Fleming & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 29:11-14a

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