



February 14, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me with Clair de Lune" Bradbury, Debussy/Reimer

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting.

Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

P: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Through fire and tempest, God is with us.

L: God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

P: We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.

We look for a vision to claim our souls.

L: Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

P: We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

**Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" UMH#384

Opening Prayer (unison)

Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (v. 1,3) UMH#703

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 "Love Medley" arr. by Steve Gurk
Steve Gurk and Carol Stewart, piano and organ duet
(See Message from Steve Gurk in the announcements)

Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 2: 8-14

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Tales I Was Told: Elijah and the Chariots of Fire"
Rev. Andy Wagner

** Closing Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH#519

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "Jesus Loves Even Me" Philip Bliss/Amy Bober



*Altar Flowers are given by Rick and Joyce Smith
to the Glory of God*

February

	DEADLINE FOR	MARCH	FAITH LINKS
Monday 15	Men of Faith Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:00 pm 6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 16	Directory Pick Up Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball Girl Scouts Mission Outreach Directory Pick Up	12:00 pm 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	Narthex FCC FCC Rm 15 A,B,C ,16 A Rm 8 Narthex
Ash Wednesday 17	Directory Pick Up	6:30 pm	Narthex
Thursday 18	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Christian Education	11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC Library
Friday 19	Xenia HS Winter Guard Praise Band Practice	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FCC
Saturday 20	Volleyball Camp	9:00 am	FCC
Sunday 21	Directory Pick Up Traditional Worship Sunday School Directory Pick Up Contemporary Worship	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Narthex Sanctuary Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC 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 "Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Feeling Secure in a Troubled World" by Charles Stanley

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.



Tales I Was Told,
Elijah and the Chariots of Fire

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Liturgist

Chad Mossing

Acolytes

Micah Fleming & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

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Elisha Succeeds Elijah

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Next Sermon – Ash Wednesday, February 17

"The Testing of Jesus, Part 1"
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
Luke 4:1-13

Next Sermon – Sunday, February 21

"The Testing of Jesus, Part 2"
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
Luke 4:16-30

Announcements

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CLOSING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER – If the church is going to be closed it will be listed on WHIO, WDTN, WKEF/WRGT and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FCUM.Xenia.

ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith will meet February 15th at 6:00 PM in rooms 16 A&B. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. Business portion will be approving the budget and programs for most of 2021 followed by a short video. YOU MAY BRING A FRIEND.

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