

December 26, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart
Toccata on "Adeste Fideles" arr. by David Hegarty
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Men and women, old and young, together: Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

P: Praise God in the highest heavens. Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.

L: God commanded, and we were created. God sustains us and enables us to grow.

P: Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness. Glorify God's name and join the loving community.

L: Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved. We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us draw close to God and to one another. Let us join with all creation to worship God.

**Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1,2,3) UMH#234

Opening Prayer (unison)

Height and breadth, length and depth, the whole universe proclaims your glory, faithful God. Your wisdom fills the universe with possibilities we have not tapped. Your Word comes to us filled with riches we have not mined. Within ourselves is the potential for greatness as yet unrealized. Confront us here with your eternal claim on us that we may become the kind, compassionate, and patient people you intend for us to be. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH#229

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart
Offertory "He is Born, the Holy Child" arr. by David Paxton

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

We are thankful for the love that gave us life, for the mission that gives us purpose to our days, and for the peace that Christ grants to us. Keep us from needless anxiety, that we may give without counting the cost. We give ourselves as well as our money, that your Word may spread where it is not known and take root where it has not been heeded. Amen.

Ministry of Music "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Gene Foiles, piano
Men's Quartet: Pastor Andy Wagner, John Sherer, Wayne Cook, Glen Shaw

**Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 41-52

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "In My Father's House" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH#240

**Sending Forth

**Postlude Carol Stewart
"Ding Dong! Merrily on High" arr. by Gordon Young



Altar Flowers are given by Bob & Donna McColaugh's children and grandchildren in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



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Monday 27			
Tuesday 28	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Wednesday 29	Double I Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH A-B, Kitchen FCC
Thursday 30	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 31	OFFICE CLOSED		
Saturday 1			
Sunday 2	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC



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Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes."

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes."

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 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

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Worship Team

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| Ushers | Bob Whipp, Rick Smith,
Edward Stidham, Grant Smith |
| Liturgist | Elaine Hughes |
| Acolytes | Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing |
| Organist | Carol Stewart |
| Bell Director | Jim McPeck |
| Choir Director | Glen Shaw |

Gospel Lesson – Luke 2: 41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Announcements

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Next Sermon – Sunday, January 2

"Where God Is Found"
Gospel Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner
Matthew 2: 1-12



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