

January 2, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart
"A Child of the King" arr. by Marilyn Ham
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: God's face is shining on us in this new year. God's majesty and glory fill the heavens.

P: How amazing are the works of God! Who are we that God should care for us?

L: God calls us by name and promises to bless us. God names us as children and heirs with Christ.

P: We can leave behind our slavery to things. We can aspire to spiritual fulfillment.

L: The God who exalted Jesus calls us to discipleship. We are being saved to do God's work in the world.

P: God is at work in us, doing great things. Our efforts are crowned with glory and honor.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

Surprising God, so often hidden from our view, yet appearing in unexpected times and places, open our eyes to your salvation. Shed your light on this worshiping community. Unite us in this time of prayer and praise that we may grow in your likeness, be filled with your wisdom, and become beacons of good news to the world. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH#206

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 "New Life in Christ" John W. Peterson

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

With joyous praise, we return to you a portion of all you have given to us. May our giving exceed the demands of the law. You have invited us to sacrifices befitting our blessings. You have asked us to care for those less privileged. What we offer in these moments is a beginning. We will ponder again your amazing grace in granting us life, in offering the child Jesus to bring us back to you, and in giving us the name "Christian." Praise be to you, O God. Amen.

Ministry of Music Stephanie Leupp and John Sherer, duet
"Ten Thousand Joys" Don Marsh and Karen Dean

Scripture Lesson Galatians 4: 4-7

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Adopted Into a New Life" Pastor Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

**Closing Hymn "O Happy Day" UMH#391

**Sending Forth

**Postlude Carol Stewart
"The Family of God" William J. Gaither



*Altar Flowers are given with prayers for a
Healthy and Blessed New Year for ALL!*



Monday 3	Cub Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 4	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A,B,C, 16A-B
	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 8
Wednesday 5	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
Thursday 6	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
	Stephen Ministry Class	6:30 pm	Library
Friday 7	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 8			
Sunday 9	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC

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 of "You Were Made For This Moment" by Max Lucado.

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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Bill Turner, Chad Mossing, Rick Smith
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Acolytes	AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw

Scripture Lesson – Galatians 4: 4-7

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⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Announcements

WE STILL HAVE POINSETTIAS! We have extras, so **ANYONE** who would like to have one, please help yourself. TODAY will be the last day to pick them up.

TO EVERYONE AT FAITH COMMUNITY: Thank you for all the gifts, food, prayers and well wishes I received while I was sick. And also thank you for the many blessings, Crystal Hoskins.

TITHE ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE: Your 2022 box of weekly giving envelopes can be picked up in the narthex after church services or during regular office hours during the week.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: The flower calendar for 2022 is on the wall in the narthex. Your gift of Altar flowers enhances the worship service and reflects the beauty of God's World. If you sign up for flowers we can order them or you can order them from your favorite florist. You will receive a reminder call prior to the date. If you have any questions, please call the office or Joyce Smith (937) 372-6576 or Betsy Murray (937) 372-8376.

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Gospel Lesson

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