

# February 12, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude  
"Song at Sunrise"  
Handbell Choir  
Dale Wood

Greeting/Life of the Church  
Pastor Vic Toney

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Come, Walk in the way that leads to life.

**P: It is better to be reconciled with another than to be proven right.**

L: Come, choose to live a genuine life.

**P: Life is too short for petty resentments.**

L: Come, walk in the way Christ invites us to travel.

**A: We give thanks for Christ's way, and for the freedom to follow!**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH#64

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to your love in our midst. We give you thanks for the power of our minds to choose right over wrong. Guide us now, that this power may not overwhelm us, but inspire us to love others as you have loved us. Help us choose compassion for ourselves and others. Teach us to set aside old resentments and grudges. Lift us, with all earth's children and all your creation, to aspire to the abundant life Christ brings. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH#172

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  
Offertory

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**These offerings belong to you, O Lord, for you are the source of every blessing and joy. Employ these gifts to build your realm. Send them into the world to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and reconcile us to one another. By our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, make your church a true instrument of peace. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 13: 1-13

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

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir  
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Sermon "The Supremacy of Love" Pastor Vic Toney

\*\*Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love" UMH #566

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude



*The Altar Flowers are given to honor God & Christ who have shown us love and continue to show us love.*

## Gospel Lesson - I Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

## February 12, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Acolyte	Luke Mossing
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 13	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts SO Basketball Practice Stephen Ministry	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C FCC Library	
Tuesday 14	 Winter Guard Practice Magic Volleyball Practice Girl Scouts Leaders	3:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC FH 15 A	
Wednesday 15		Girl Scout Cookie Dist. Handbell Practice Choir Practice	2:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	FCC Music Room Sanctuary
Thursday 16		Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 17	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC	
Saturday 18				
Sunday 19	Sunday School Worship Service	9:15 am 10:30 am	Parlor, 11, 15C, 16A Sanctuary	

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**ATTENTION ALL MEN:** The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, February 20 at 6PM** in Room 16A&B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. A short business meeting will follow at 6:30PM. Our fundraising projects will be discussed.  
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**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The Xenia Area Christian Men's Fellowship would like to invite you to join us for a Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast at AHOP ANNEX (building on the left), 2282 Stelton Road, Xenia, Ohio to be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:00 - 9:30 AM**. Registration and fellowship will begin at 7:30 AM and a \$5.00 donation is suggested to cover food cost. FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT [larry@brotherlarry.com](mailto:larry@brotherlarry.com) OR CALL (937) 776-7170.  
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