

January 21, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Handbell Choir
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter C. Lutkin/Ann Ker

**Call to Worship

We are gathered in worship with silence and sound.

We wait upon God's grace.

We are gathered in worship with focused heart and mind.

We anticipate God's word that shapes and guides.

**Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" (v.1-4) UMH #398

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of grace and wisdom, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.

Children's Moments

Responsive Reading UMH #787

Prayer Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (v.1-3) UMH #396

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.

Offering/Offertory

"Footsteps of Jesus"

Carol Stewart
Asa B. Everett/Harold De Cou

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of restoration and hope, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Handbell Choir
arr. by John A. Behnke

Sermon

"Believe the Good News"

Guest Speaker, Victor Hess

**Closing Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (v.1-3) UMH #358

**Sending Forth

The kingdom of God is near.

We are called to action.

The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

We will take the word of grace into the world.

Go in peace, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone. Amen.

Postlude

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Carol Stewart
arr. by Harold De Cou



*The Altar Flowers are given by Joan, Sharon & Linda Baxter
in memory of Rev. Leonard P. Baxter.*

Gospel Reading – Mark 1: 14-20 (NRSV)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.

**BELIEVE THE
GOOD NEWS**



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 21, 2023 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Victor Hess
Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



Monday 22	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C
Tuesday 23	Bible Study Winter Guard Practice Investment Working Group Magic Volleyball Practice	10:00 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Parlor FCC Library FCC
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Friday 26	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 27	Double I	6:00pm	FH 15 A, Kitchen
Sunday 28	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Parlor, 8,11, 16A Narthex Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

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YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS ARE NEEDED: We're still looking for some volunteers to perform light duties in the office on **Thursday and Friday**. Various tasks include greeting visitors who come into the office, answering phones, putting cards out for members who are in the hospital and stuffing inserts into the bulletins. (You will also have slow times to read a book, knit or catch up on some personal items.) We have 2 positions open: Thursday afternoon 12:00-3:00pm and Friday morning 9:00am-12:00pm. If you are available, please call Deb Klaty in the church office (937) 372-7601. Thank you for your service to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: We collected \$6,266 this year and it will be designated to Benevolence. The Benevolence Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations so they can help more families this year. They also wanted to share with you the number of people that call in each year and show how rapidly the need in our community is growing. 2018 – 28 cases, 2019 – 32 cases, 2020 – 58 cases, 2021 – 64 cases, 2022 – 96 cases, 2023 – 114 cases.

CASSEROLE CARE-A-VAN: Do you know of someone connected to our church who could benefit from our Casserole Care-a-van providing them with a few meals? If so, get with me so that I can let you know the information that I will need to get this set up with our amazing Casserole Care-a-van volunteers. Julie Wickline (937) 207-8289.

WE'RE STILL COLLECTING: LIONS CLUB: We are still collecting Eye Glasses, Glasses Cases, Hearing Aids, and Cell Phones for the Lions Club. Please put them in the drawer marked Lions Club in the plastic storage cabinet in the narthex. If you have any questions please call Roger Sanders (937) 862-9157.

CLOSING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER: If the church is going to be closed during the week or for Sunday Worship Services it will be listed on WHIO (TV7, 1290AM/95.7FM), WDTN (TV2,CW26), WKEF/WRGT (ABC22/FOX45) and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FCUM.Xenia.

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