

February 4, 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 Carol Stewart
"Amazing Grace" Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio/Melody Bober

**Call to Worship

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of heaven and earth.

God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches out the heavens like a curtain.

Those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

**Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v.1,3,4,5) UMH #139

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord of all, you who formed us, named us, and gathered us, open our ears to hear your message. You who give power to the faint, help us understand your message. You who uplift, strengthen, and heal, inspire us to proclaim your message. We pray in the name of Christ, who is the Message. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead" UMH #375

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

"Jesus Saves"

Carol Stewart
William J. Kirkpatrick

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Creator of heaven and earth, you shower the earth with rain, nourish the land with sunshine, and bless your people with goodness. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with gladness and bring comfort to those in need. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"For Gospel's Sake"

Rev. Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v.1,2,4) UMH #126

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

Carol Stewart
W.H. Doane/Paul Mickelson



The Altar Flowers are given in appreciation and thanks of our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir members who give of their time and talent to enhance our worship services.

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 (NIV)

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

Paul's Use of His Freedom

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 4, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Micah Fleming, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Feb. 19 at 6:00pm** in Room 16A-B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Pizza will be served. We will have a social time during the meal followed by a double devotional from "God Calls You to More." We will then discuss the charities we support and future projects. All men are urged to attend. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will not meet in February. DORCAS CIRCLE will not meet in February or March.

DAY OF CARING PANCAKE BRUNCH: Come enjoy some delicious pancakes, sausage, fruit and a drink for \$7 (Age12-59), \$5 (Under 11 and 60+) at the Xenia Adult Recreation & Services Center, 338 S. Progress Dr., on Sunday, Feb. 25 8:00am-1:00pm. The National Day of Caring is a day set aside throughout the country to focus awareness on the homeless and hungry. All proceeds raised at XARSC this day support the XARSC Meals on Wheels program. Questions? (937) 376-4353.



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