

# December 29, 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  
"The Gift of Love" arr. by Marilyn Ham

\*\*Call To Worship

We gather this morning ready to listen.

**Open our ears, Lord.**

We gather this morning ready to learn.

**Open our minds, Lord.**

We gather this morning ready to love.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

We gather this morning ready to worship.

**Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.**

We gather to praise the Lord!

\*\*Opening Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Holy one, as we gather today, may we be like young Jesus – eager to hear, eager to learn, and eager to minister to others. Meet us here in this sacred space. May our hearts and minds be open to your call, as we worship and praise your holy name. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "What Child Is This" UMH #219

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Carol Stewart  
Sebastian Temple

\*\*Doxology "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Lord of Light and Love, we offer these gifts with hearts transformed by the miracle of your son's birth. As the shepherds returned with joy and praise, may these offerings spread your joy and love. Use them to bless others, to bring comfort, hope and peace, and to further your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

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

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

Ministry of Music

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Dave Webber, trombone solo  
John B. Dykes/arr. by Melody Bober

Sermon

"Christmas Virtues" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" (see insert)

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"You Are My All in All" Carol Stewart  
Dennis Jernigan/Marilynn Ham



## Gospel Reading – Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through 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.



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## December 29, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Bob Whipp, Rick Smith, Edward Stidham, Gerald Mahan
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



# & January

Monday 30	Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15C FH 15A-B
Tuesday 31			
Wednesday 1	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED</b> 		
Thursday 2	Prayer Shawl Woman's Club of Xenia	11:00 am 1:30 pm	Parlor Parlor
Friday 3	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 4			
Sunday 5	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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**Double I** will meet in Rm 8, Leader Lucy Parsons, study of "**Colossians and Philemon**" by **Martha Reapsome**.

**Open Doors** will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer, study of "**Troublesome Bible Passages**" by **Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson**.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in CC 16A-B, Leaders Vic Hess and Joyce Smith.

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## Next Sermon – Sunday, Jan. 5

"Epiphany!"  
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy  
Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

## Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine 2099



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2. Glad - ly, dear one, la - dy mine, help I cra - dle this  
3. All shall come and bow the knee; wise and hap - py their



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### Refrain



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