

January 12, 2025

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
"Worthy Is the Lamb" George F. Handel/arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

**Call To Worship

Come to the waters.

We gather at the river.

Come to the waters.

The waters of grace flow over us.

Come to the waters.

We are washed in God's love.

Come to the waters.

We are God's beloved children.

**Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" (v. 1,2,3,5) UMH #73

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love.

Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (v. 1,-3) UMH #420

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

"Thou Art Worthy" Carol Stewart
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us. We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us. We bring these gifts to you, our source of life. Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Shall We Gather at the River" Carol Stewart
Robert Lowry/Cindy Berry

Sermon

"Affirmations of Baptism" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

**Closing Hymn "Come Down, O Love Divine" UMH #475

**Sending Forth 'Remember your baptism and rejoice!'

Postlude

"Glorify Thy Name" Carol Stewart
Donna Adkins/Keith Christopher



The Altar Flowers are given by Dr. Richard & Tammy Byers in honor of John & Elaine Grayson for all they do for so many.

Scripture Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with^u the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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.

Affirmations of Baptism



Rev. Jeff Bandy

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 12, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Jake Van Schagen, Will Mossing, Chad Mossing
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek

January

Monday 13	Mary & Martha Gathering Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15C FH 15A-B
Tuesday 14	Tuesday Bible Study Winter Guard Practice Investment Working Group Magic Volleyball Practice Girl Scouts Leaders Trustees	10:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	Parlor FCC Library FCC FH 15C Parlor
Wednesday 15	Handbell Practice Chancel Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary/Chapel
Thursday 16	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Practice Ad Board Council	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Parlor FCC FH 15C
Friday 17	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 18			
Sunday 19	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

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

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Next Sermon – Sunday, January 19

"Gifted for Purpose"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CEB)

January 12, 2025 Announcements

TODAY IS COINS FOR MISSIONS SUNDAY: Coins will go to the following Ministries supported by the FCUMC mission and outreach team: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry and Family Promise.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Please join us for the first gathering of 2025, on **Monday, Jan. 13, 6:00-8:00pm in FCC** for a "super fun time"! Please wear some comfy clothes and shoes for an activity that will be fun for everyone. Also, if you would like to bring a "super fun pie" to share, it can be any type from fruit to meat! If you have any questions, please contact either Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114 or Barbara Mills at (937) 414-4108 (RSVP for childcare with Laurie).

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY: This is a UMC Special Sunday focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On **Jan. 19**, the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we celebrate and take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation. We invite you to give through your local church or online, helping us continue this vital work together.

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MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:00 pm in CC 16A-B**. All men are invited to join us. Dinner will be served. We will have a social time during the meal followed by a Bible devotional. We will then discuss 2025 projects. Watch your email for more information.

BISHOP JUNG'S DISTRICT EVENT: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung invites all Laity to a Day on the District gathering on **Saturday, Feb. 22 at 5:00pm**. The theme is "Healing and Restoration in Community," with the scripture Mark 2:1-12 as a guiding principle. Laity will begin their time with Bishop Jung with dinner at 5pm. The schedule includes worship, Bible study led by Bishop Jung, and a visioning and ministry conversation. This session will conclude by 8:30pm. Registration is now live for the event. Go to www.westohioumc.org/bishop-jungs-days-districts to register.

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED: SPRC is seeking candidates interested in filling the Sunday morning Nursery Worker position. Candidates must be 18 or older and must have a background check as well as receive Safe Sanctuary training. The nursery worker is expected to be available Sunday mornings from 8:45am - 11:45am. If you are interested or have any questions, please talk to Chad Mosing or Pastor Jeff or send an email to pastorjeff@fcumc.org.

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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