

January 19, 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
"Living for Jesus" Harold Lowden/Harold DeCou

Introit Chancel Choir
"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young

**Call to Worship

God's faithful love welcomes us here.

Thank God for this glorious gift!

God's faithful love redeems our lives.

Thank God for our many blessings!

God's faithful love is ours to share.

We will offer this gift to God's world.

**Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

Opening Prayer (unison)

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" (v. 1-3) UMH #395

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

"There is Joy in Serving Jesus" Carol Stewart
Bentley D. Ackley

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"If My People" Chancel Choir
Jim and Carol Owens

Scripture Reading

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

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Gifted for Purpose" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

"Be Still and Know" Chancel Choir
arr. by Fred Beck

Postlude

"Make Me a Blessing" Carol Stewart
George S. Schuler



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of
the Mission and Outreach Committee.*

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CEB)

Spiritual gifts

12 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. ²You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. ³So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. ¹¹All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

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

January 19, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Jake Van Schagen, Will Mossing, Chad Mossing
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek

January

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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	CC 16A
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
	Cub Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15A-B
Tuesday 21	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	Library
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C, CC 16A
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Thursday 23	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
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Saturday 25	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
Sunday 26	Sunday School	9:00 am	Rm 8,11,CC16A, Parlor
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
	Worship Service	10:30 am	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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"Beautiful Word of God"
Scripture Lesson

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Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NIV)

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WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE and **DORCAS CIRCLE** will not meet in January.

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.

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 Sundays from 8:45-11:45am. If you are interested or have any questions, please talk to Chad Mossing or Pastor Jeff or send an email to pastorjeff@fcum.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 Facebook www.facebook.com/FCUM.Xenia.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offering on Christmas Eve. We collected \$608.20 which will be distributed evenly between our Benevolence Fund and the Greene County Fish Food Pantry.

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