

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LESSONS & CAROLS - Sunday, Dec. 26

Join us at 10:30a as we hear the Christmas story through Scripture readings and Christmas carols. It will be a festive time together!

WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:15a

Worship - 10:30a (in-person and online at ksumc.org)

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study: 6:30-7:30p (in person and via Zoom)

Children's Music & More Class: 6:30-7:30p

THURSDAY

Choir Practice – 6:30p

AA COMFORT ZONE

Meets in the Oak House on Sundays at 4p, Tuesdays at 7p, Wednesdays at 12p, Thursdays at 7p, Fridays 11:30a (Women's Group) and Saturdays at 10:30a.

Prayer requests can be submitted online at ksumc.org/prayer or given to Pastor Kelli.

If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, email Pastor Kelli.

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Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2021

Gathering

Spontaneous Mountain People

Greeting

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

*Call to Worship

An unmarried teenage girl was invited—

to carry Christ into this world.

An ordinary carpenter was invited—

to be a father to a child unlike any other.

The shepherds were invited—

outcast and isolated, included at the manger.

The Magi were invited—

foreigners and seekers, included in the home of God.

And if she was invited, and he was invited, and they were invited—

then we can trust that we too are invited.

This story is for us.

This love is for us.

Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.

Amen.

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Lyrics on last sheet

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Teresa Hargis

**Indicates please stand if able.*

Greeters will provide a wheelchair for those who need one.

Restrooms are available behind the Sanctuary. Please exit through the left door by the piano and take a right. Restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

***Hymn** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing *Lyrics at on last sheet

Congregational Prayer

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20 Jack Arnold

Reflection Invited Home Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Musical Offering Beautiful Star of Bethlehem Gretchen & Tim May

Benevolence Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Musical Offering O Holy Night Rheatta Petty

Lighting of the Christ Candle Jack Arnold, Teresa Hargis

Congregation

On this night, we remember God has come in the Christ Child. Come to us, Lord Jesus, be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

***Hymn** Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239

Silent night, holy night ,all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

***Ringing of the Bells**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Call to Worship, Congregational Prayer, Offering Prayer & Candle Lighting Reading are written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed from A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org.

Special thanks to G.R. Davis and the Spontaneous Mountain People for sharing their gift of music with us.

John Paul Daniel, Guitar
G.R. Davis, Bass
Stephan Dudash, Fiddle
Gretchen May, Fiddle
Tim May, Guitar
Alan O'Bryant, Banjo
Emily Wilson, Mandolin
O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
(Refrain)

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
(Refrain)

Hark the Herald

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"