

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

December 5, 2021

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
David Wood, Stephan Dudash

Introit Prepare the Way of the Lord Choir

Call to Worship Jack Arnold

If life was a home, then we would pray—

may love be the foundation.

May God be the cornerstone.

**May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in. And
may hope be the walls—holding us together.**

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home
together.

**We may not know the path ahead,
but God is here, even now.**

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

Let us worship our Holy God.

Hymn All Earth Is Waiting UMH 210

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,'
one whose name is 'God with us' our Saviour shall be;
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;

open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared;
yet feel his presence throughout the earth today,
for he lives in all Christians and is with us now;
again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

Advent Candle Lighting Rev. Kelli & Tessa Hamilton

Anthem He Came Down Choir

Prayers of the People: Joys and Concerns
Leader: Lord, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayers.**

Children's Message Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Scripture Reading Luke 1:47-80 Jack & Alice Arnold

Sermon Laying the Foundation Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

Offertory Mary's Boy Child Jeff & Leyn Jeffrey,
David Wood, John Paul Daniel, Stephan Dudash

Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
When John was born, Zechariah leaned down and
whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you
do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to
hear it.**

**We forget that in the beginning we were made good.
We doubt that we could possibly be enough.
We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out
aiming for
perfection. We deflect words of praise.
We hide behind shiny first impressions.**

**Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.
Open our ears as you open our hearts,
so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you
have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Family of faith,

No matter how old we get, God continues to say to us:

“You are loved; you are forgiven.”

That is the foundation of our lives.

That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe
deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in
proclaiming this good news:

**We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is
our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere...and so, with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...as we proclaim the mystery of death:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...
...all honor and glory is yours, now and forever. Amen**

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.**

Prayer after Receiving

Commission and Blessing

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

Benedictory Response

Day by day, day by day,
O dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day (repeat)
(End) Day by day—day by day by day by day.

Call to Worship, Advent Candle Lighting, Offering Prayer, Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance are written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed from A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT GIVING SUNDAY: DEC. 12

We will collect donations to provide gift bags for some of the residents at The Waters of Cheatham, as well as to provide lunch for the teachers and staff at Kingston Springs Elementary School on the Teacher Work Day. Please mark "Advent Giving" on your checks and online donations. Donations can be made anytime until Dec.12. In lieu of donating money, if you would like to buy items from the wish lists of The Waters' residents, contact Libby Goodwin at 615-568-2254 or libbygoodwin@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: In person and online at 7p.

NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS

We are looking for people to provide nursery care on Sunday mornings. Please let Kelli know if you know of anyone who is interested.

MONTHLY GIVING

Through October it takes \$140,416 to run the church and its programs.

Through October the church has received \$122,137 from all sources.

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