

# Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

January 2, 2022

**Greeting and Announcements** Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Prelude** What Child Is This? Stephan Dudash

**Introit** Gloria Choir

**Call to Worship** Jack Arnold

We come to this place—  
**each of us on our own path.**

The path is winding,  
**and the path is not always clear,**  
and the path changes,  
**but we are here.**

God is walking us home.

**What a gift it is to not walk alone.**

Let us worship our Holy God.

**Hymn** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH 229

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

**Anthem** Who Is This Tiny Babe? Alice, Tessa, 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** Matthew 1:1-12 Jack Arnold

**Sermon** Home by Another Way Rev. Kelli Hamilton

**Offertory Prayer** Jack Arnold

**Offertory** Mary Had a Baby Choir

**Doxology** UMH 95

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of changed plans,  
The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new  
way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to  
our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their  
bags and went home by another way.**

**We wish that change could be easy for us, but more  
often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend  
to clench our fists and hold on tighter.**

**Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.  
Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road  
home. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.  
Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.  
Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there.

So hear and believe this good news:

**No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

## 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

**Hymn**            The Snow Lay on the Ground            FWS 2093

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.\*  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Refrain:

Venite adoremus Dominum.  
Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,  
that brought into this world the God made man.  
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;  
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them. [Refrain]

And thus that manger poor became a throne;  
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.  
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;  
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. [Refrain]

## Commission and Blessing

Rev. Kelli Hamilton

## Benedictory Song

Carol of the Drum

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## CAROL OF THE DRUM

"Come," they told me, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
"Our newborn King to see! Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
Our finest gifts we bring, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
To lay before the King! Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
Rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum  
So to honor Him, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, When we come."

"Baby Jesus, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
I am a poor boy too, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
have no gift to bring, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
That's fit to give a King, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
Rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum,  
Shall I play for you, Pa-rumpa-pum-pum, On my drum?"

Mary nodded, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
The ox and lamb kept time, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
I played my drum for him, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum,  
I played my best for him, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum  
Rum-pa-pum-pum, Rum-pa-pum-pum,  
Then He smiled at me, Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum!  
Me and my drum!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **KELLI AWAY THIS WEEK**

Pastor Kelli will be out of town Jan. 3-5 for a personal retreat to spend some time connecting with God as we begin a new year. If you need to contact someone from the church while Kelli is away, please contact our Lay Leader, Bob Sanders, at 615-642-6437.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Our Adult Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12. We will be discussing the book of Acts together.

### **NURSERY CARE VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to provide nursery care on Sundays from 10-11:30a. Volunteers will bring our nursery kids to worship at 10:30, take them to the nursery following Children's Message, and bring them back for Communion.

### **MONTHLY GIVING**

Through November, it takes \$168,500 to run the church and its programs.  
Through November, the church has received \$137,100 from all sources.

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