

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door

**A Service of Word and Table**

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022



**Prelude** Coventry Carol  
David Wood, Stephan Dudash, GR Davis, Bruce Baxter

**Words of Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Steven B. Angus

**Introit** Alleluia Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Susan Greer

Our Advent journey of preparation continues.

Be strong, even in your weakness.

**Christ will be our strength.**

Find hope, even in your despair.

**Christ arrives to bring us hope.**

Embrace joy, even in the face of sorrow.

**Christ, our joy, is coming soon.**

**\*Hymn** Joy to the World UMH 246

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**\*Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Wreath** Susan Greer

Isaiah 35:1-10 [Pew Bible p. 1499]

*[Liturgist lights Three Candles]*

The light glowing from our Advent wreath is burning brighter.

**This radiance warms our hearts and fills us with joy!**

*[Liturgist reads: Psalm 126:5-6]*

Three candles, see them glow, making our darkness bright as God's Day.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

*\*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.*

**Missional Giving**

All children in worship are invited to assist in collecting money for the FUEL offering, which provides snacks for children in need at Kingston Springs Elementary School.

**Children's Message**

Dr. Angus

Following the Children's Message, children may take an Activity Bag from the front pew to use during worship. When the service is concluded, please return it to the front pew.

**Our Joys and Concerns**

Dr. Angus

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

**The Pastoral Prayer****Anthem**

Rise Up, Neighbor

Choir

**Sermon** *Smoldering Discontent and the Journey to Joy*

Dr. Angus

**Anthem**

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Choir

**Offertory Prayer**

Susan Greer

**Offertory**

Until Jesus Comes

Sheri Dixon

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

**Gathering at the Lord's Table**

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.*

**Commission and Blessing****Sending Forth**

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

Jeff Jeffrey

David Wood, Stephan Dudash, GR Davis, Bruce Baxter, Choir, Congregation

3 for the Hebrew children

4 for the four that stood at the door

5 for the Gospel preachers

6 for the six that never got fixed

7 for the seven that never got to Heaven

8 for the eight that stood at the Gate

9 for the nine all dressed so fine

10 for the Ten Commandments

*Born, born, born in Bethlehem!*

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**MONTHLY GIVING** Our tithes and offerings from all sources through November 30, 2022, was \$145,875.32 and our expenses through November 30, 2022 were \$139,464.68. Let's finish the year strong!

### ADVENT-DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Wednesday, December 14, Fellowship Supper, 5:45pm**  
**Sunday, December 18, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Worship 10:30am**  
**Tuesday, December 20, Church Council, 6:30pm**  
**Thursday, December 22, *The Spontaneous Mountain Boys*, 7pm**  
**Saturday, December 24. Christmas Eve Service, 11pm**  
**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Worship 10:30am**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

**SUNDAY** Sunday School - 9:15am    Worship - 10:30am  
**WEDNESDAY** Choir Practice – 6:30pm

**AA COMFORT ZONE** Meets in the Oak House on Sundays at 4pm, Tuesdays at 7pm, Wednesdays at 12pm, Thursdays at 7pm, Fridays 11:30am (Women's Group) and Saturdays at 10:30am.

**AI-Anon** meets at the Oak Street house on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

### ADVENT GIVING AND SHARING

Our annual Advent Giving for Missions & Outreach is ongoing now till year-end. This is the third year that we will be providing for the needs of ten elderly residents at the Waters of Cheatham Nursing Home. Any amounts received beyond these needs will be given to the ARK for families in need. Please mark "for Advent" on your check or select Advent as your donation type (click on the General tab & choose Advent) when you give your donation online at [Http://KSUMC.org/give](http://KSUMC.org/give).

If you would like to sponsor an angel or shop for the angels with funds provided or would like to help wrap and/or deliver these gifts, please contact Libby Goodwin at 615-568-2254.

Prayer requests can be submitted online at [ksumc.org/prayer](http://ksumc.org/prayer) or given to the pastor. If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, email Dr. Angus at [steven.angus@twkumc.org](mailto:steven.angus@twkumc.org).