

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door

A Service of Word and Table
The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022



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

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven B. Angus

Introit Glory in the Highest Choir

***Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Christmas is a time of anticipation.

We can hardly wait.

Christmas is a time of giving and joy.

We are ready to receive.

Christmas is a time of hope and promise.

We are looking for it.

***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** Bob Sanders

Isaiah 35:1-10 [Pew Bible p. 1111]

[Liturgist lights Four Candles]

**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.

Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight.

Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; he has brought it out in the light.

In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in Advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ

Let us sing of his steadfast love forever.

[Liturgist reads: Psalm 89:1b-2]

Four candles, see them brightly glow to show the way

To the one who makes our darkness bright as God's Day.

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 is 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

He Is Born

Choir

Sermon

Smoldering Discontent

Dr. Angus

Anthem

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Choir

Offertory Prayer

Bob Sanders

Offertory

The Holly Bears a Berry

Rheatta Petty, Sue Clark, Julia Rich, Karen Whiteaker

*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, Bruce Baxter, GR Davis,
Choir, Congregation

Two was Paul and Silas

Three was the three men riding

Four was the four come a-knockin' at the door

Five was the Gospel preachers

Six was the six that couldn't get fixed

Seven was the seven that went to Heaven

Eight was the eight that stood at the Gate

Nine was the nine who saw the sign

Ten was 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

Thursday, December 22, *The Spontaneous Mountain Boys*, 7pm

Saturday, December 24. Christmas Eve Service, 11pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Worship 10:30am

Sunday, January 1, 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.

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

Prayer requests can be submitted online at 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.