

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

**A Service of Word and Table**  
The First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022

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

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

**Introit** Prepare the Way of the Lord Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Jack Arnold

The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

**Watch for this gift!**

Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

**The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.**

Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

**Praise be to God for such lavish love. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.



**\*Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Wreath**  
Matthew 24:36-44 [Pew Bible p. 1539]

Jack Arnold

*\*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.*

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The Son of Man is coming, but about that day and hour, no one knows,  
**Neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**Therefore, be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.**

*[At this time Liturgist will light one purple candle]*

We light the first candle of Advent

**to remind us to stay awake and ready.**

**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** Bethlehem Choir

**Sermon** *Are You Ready? Are You Looking?* Dr. Angus

**\*Hymn of Response** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

5 O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light. Refrain

7 O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

## Offertory Prayer

Jack Arnold

**Offertory** Peace in the Valley  
Jeff Jeffrey, Stephan Dudash, David Wood

**\*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

Jeff Jeffrey, Stephan Dudash, David Wood

## Announcements

**MONTHLY GIVING** Through October 31, 2022, to operate the church and its programs was \$128,767.36. Through October 31, 2022, offerings from all sources, the church received \$128,161.45.

### ADVENT-DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, Worship 10:30am**  
**Sunday, December 4, the Second Sunday of Advent, Worship 10:30am**  
**Tuesday, December 6, Staff Parish Committee, 6:30pm**  
**Sunday, December 11, the Third Sunday of Advent, Worship 10:30am**  
**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).

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