

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

A Service of Word and Table
The Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022

Prelude What Child Is This
David Wood, Stephan Dudash, John Paul Daniel, GR Davis

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven B. Angus

Introit Alleluia Choir

***Call to Worship** Jack Arnold
Our Advent journey of preparation continues.
We must prepare ourselves to receive God's most precious gift.
Lord, help us to be strong and ready to follow you.
Open our hearts and spirits this day. AMEN.

***Hymn** There's a Song in the Air UMH 249

1 There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

2 There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire

while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

3 In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!

4 We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!

***Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Wreath** Jack Arnold
Matthew 3:1-12 [Pew Bible p. 1499]

Fire burns. It can hurt and destroy. But fire also gives warmth and light.
The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and promise.
[Liturgist reads Psalm 85:10-11).

**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.*



Two flickering candles remind us that Christ's coming has many meanings.

[Liturgist lights two purple candles.]

We light two candles; see them glow
Making 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 to use during worship. When the service is concluded please return it to the front pew.

Consecrating a Gift

Our Joys and Concerns

Dr. Angus

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

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep Choir

Sermon *Avoiding Potholes on the Road to Christmas* Dr. Angus

***Hymn of Response** O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

Offertory Prayer Jack Arnold

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

***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

Tiny Little Baby

Jeff Jeffrey

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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

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 or given to the pastor. If you would like to receive the church's digital newsletter, email Dr. Angus at steven.angus@twkumc.org.