

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 22, 2023

Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Choir

***Call to Worship** Karen Whiteaker

Be born of water and the Spirit.

In Christ and the Spirit, we are born anew.

Rejoice in the blessings of everlasting life.

In God, we receive glory and salvation.

Worship God, the three in one.

***Hymn** *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH 539

1 O SPIRIT of the living God,
In all Thy plenitude of grace,
Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
Descend on our apostate race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
To preach the reconciling word;
Give power and unction from above
Whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Be darkness, at Thy coming, light;
Confusion order in Thy path:
Souls without strength inspire with might;
Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
All the round earth her God to meet;
Breathe Thou abroad, like morning air,
Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations; far and nigh
The triumphs of the cross record;
The name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call Him Lord.

6 God, from eternity, hath willed
All flesh shall His salvation see:
So be the Father's love fulfilled,
The Saviour's sufferings crowned through Thee.

***Scripture Reading** Karen Whiteaker
John 3:1-15 [Pew Bible, p. 1649] Galatians 6:17

Missional Giving

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

Children's Message

Activity Bags are located on the pew to use during worship. When the
service is concluded, please return it to the front pew.

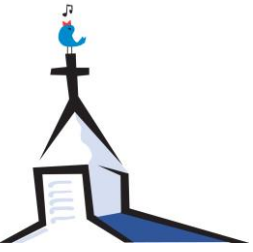
**Indicates please stand if able.*

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. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.*

Our Joys and Concerns

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



Dr. Angus

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Choir

Sermon Dr. Angus
Series: The Marks of a Christian—Conversion

Responding to the Word *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer Karen Whiteaker

Offertory *His Name Is Wonderful (medley)*
Jeff Jeffrey, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter

***Doxology** UMH 95

The Lord's Supper

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 Dr. Angus

Sending Forth *God Be with You till We Meet Again* Choir

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WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:15 am
Worship – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

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

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Our tithes and offerings from all sources through September 30, 2023, were \$104,641.13, and expenses through September 30, 2023, were \$90,098.61.

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.

MISSIONS

We are again collecting the Item of the Month donations for the Ark's food pantry. We ask that you put them in the back of the church in the container provided. The item for SEPTEMBER is canned or dry beans. However, any unexpired food items can be donated. Your support of this community service is appreciated.

Trick or Treat

We will participate in the Downtown Kingston Springs Trick or Treat event on October 31 from 5-7 p.m. You are invited to join other KSUMC family members by dressing up and passing out candy on our Church lawn. We also need candy to share if you would like to help. Please bring it with you to church on Sunday.