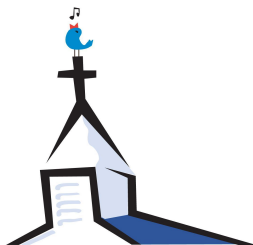


Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 2023



Prelude *Coventry Carol*
David Wood, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven
Angus

Introit *Love Has Come* Choir

***Call to Worship** Bob Sanders

Let us bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lords.

At this birth, the angels proclaimed it. He is the Wonderful Counselor and the Mighty God.

Through his teaching and his life we have learned how to live to God.

By his death and resurrection, we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

***Hymn** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

***Scripture Reading and Lighting Advent Candle** Bob Sanders
Isaiah 9:1-7 [Pew, 1072]

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are
unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the
flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

**Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears
the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

**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.

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.

Our Joys and Concerns

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

Dr. Angus

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Choir

Sermon **Series: The Many Names of the Christ Child**
Mighty God

Dr. Angus

Responding to the Word *In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221

1 In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

3 Enough for him whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk
and a mangerful of hay:
enough for him
whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

4 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved
with a kiss.

5 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Bob Sanders

Offertory

Emmanuel / Glorify Thy Name

Jeff Jeffrey

David Wood, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel

***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

Amen, Amen

Choir, Band, Congregation

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Kristy Finney - Custodian

WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School – 9:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

You are Invited!

**Christmas Drop By Open House
with Pastor Steven and Cheri**

Saturday, December 16, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Address: 1922 Highway 49E

Charlotte, Tennessee 37036

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 23, 2023, 7 PM

The Spontaneous Mountain Boyz

Christmas Eve, 10:30 AM, Morning Worship

11 PM, Candlelight Communion Service

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.

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR NOVEMBER

The tithes and offerings from all sources through November 30, 2023, were \$128,252.04, and our expenses through November 30, 2023, were \$99,323.25.

MISSIONS

Our annual Advent Giving begins Sunday, December 3. We will again be providing personal clothing and hygiene items for some of the residents at the Waters of Cheatham. Please consider making a year-end donation by marking your check for Advent Giving or giving online at www.KSUMC.org/giving and choosing Advent Giving. Thank you for your generosity of serving others throughout the year through our Missions and Outreach programs. If you would like to help wrap the gifts we invite you to join us at the church on Sunday, December 17 at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.