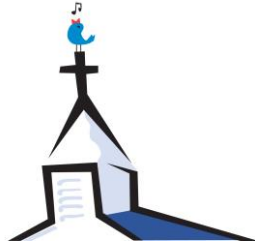


Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023



Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
David Wood, Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel, GR Davis

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *Gloria, Gloria* Choir

***Call to Worship** Vicki 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, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.
We have learned how to live to God through his teachings and his life.
By his death and resurrection, we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

***Hymn** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

***Scripture Reading and Lighting Advent Candle** Vicki Sanders
Isaiah 9:2,6-7 [Pew, 1072]
(Isaiah 61:1-3a).

We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

Congregation: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

**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

*Rise Up, Neighbor
Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep*

Choir

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

Dr. Angus

Responding to the Word *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!

Offertory Prayer

Vicki Sanders

Offertory

Christmas Montage

Sue Clark

***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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WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY Sunday School – 9:15 am
Worship – 10:30 am
TUESDAY Church Council – 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

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.