

**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**  
*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door*  
**A Service of Word and Table**  
**The First Sunday in Advent**  
December 3, 2023

**Prelude**                      *What Child Is This*

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

**Introit**                      *Until Jesus Comes*                      Sheri Dixon

**\*Call to Worship**                      Cheri Angus

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.**

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**                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Vv 1,2,4,6)                      UMH 576

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

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

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

**\*Scripture Reading and Lighting Advent Candle**                      Cheri Angus  
Isaiah 9:1-7 [Pew, 1072]

In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come." (Mk 13:35)  
**We wait as people repeatedly surprised by God, who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom.**

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*\*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.**

**The Pastoral Prayer**



Dr. Angus

**Anthem** *Mary Had a Baby* Choir

**Sermon** **Series: The Many Names of the Christ Child** Dr. Angus  
*Wonderful Counselor*

**Responding to the Word** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

1 Blest be the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us:  
a Branch for David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
and all who wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still  
the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham  
from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear  
and offer lives of praise,  
in holiness and righteousness  
to serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord  
you will prepare the way,  
to tell God's people they are saved  
from sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high  
shine forth and never cease  
to drive away the gloom of death  
and lead us into peace.

**Offertory Prayer** Cheri Angus

**Offertory** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Jeff Jeffrey, John Paul Daniel, David Wood, Bruce Baxter, GR Davis

**\*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, Congregation

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**The Spontaneous Mountain Boyz Holiday  
on Picks Bluegrass show**

***Saturday, December 23, 2023, 7PM***  
**Kingston Springs United Methodist Church**

## 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

**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.

**Please remember Teresa Hargis and her family in the death of her mother, Mary Townsend.** At the time of this printing, the arrangements were not available.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

Our tithes and offerings from all sources through October 31, 2023, were \$123,575.75, and expenses through October 31, 2023, were \$92,632.16.

## MISSIONS

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to provide a \$500 contribution to the Ark for Thanksgiving boxes this year.

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](http://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.