

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023



Prelude *Away in a Manger*
David Wood , Stephan Dudash, Bruce Baxter, John Paul Daniel, GR Davis

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *Glory in the Highest* Choir

***Call to Worship** Susan Greer
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, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace..
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** *Do You Hear What I Hear (lyrics last page)

***Scripture Reading and Lighting Advent Candle** Susan Greer
Luke 1:34, 46-49 [Pew, 1588, 1589]

We, like Mary, hear God's call to be part of making God's dream for our salvation and flourishing a reality, and we question, "How can this be? I am only..." Yet, like Mary, the "onlys" that make us hesitate are gifts God can and will use as God's love transforms us into bearers of good news.

We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all 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

Dr. Angus

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

The Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *He Is Born* Choir
Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Sermon **Series: The Many Names of the Christ Child** Dr. Angus
Prince of Peace—Our POP

Responding to the Word *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Rheatta Petty, Sue Clark, Julia Rich, Anita Van Melle

Offertory Prayer Susan Greer

Offertory *Bethlehem* Choir

***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

Silent Night

Band, Choir, Congregation

**Do You Hear What I Hear

Said the night wind to the little lamb – Do you see what I see?

Way up in the sky, little lamb – Do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite,

With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy – Do you hear what I hear?

Ringling through the sky, shepherd boy – Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea,

With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king – Do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king – Do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold – Let us bring Him silver and gold,

Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere – Listen to what I say!

Pray for peace, people everywhere – Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night – He will bring us goodness and light

He will bring us goodness and light.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School – 9:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

Tonight-- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 11 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.

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.