

Kingston Springs United Methodist Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Door
A Service of Word and Table
The First Sunday After Epiphany
January 7, 2024



Band**

Prelude *From a Distant Home*

Words of Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steven Angus

Introit *We Sing Your Glory* Choir

***Call to Worship** Jack Arnold

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was formless and empty,

and darkness covered the deep waters.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light,”

and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good.

Then he separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

***Hymn** *We Three Kings* UMH 254

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

***Scripture Reading** Jack Arnold
Matt. 2:1-12 [Pew 1497] 2 Peter 1:18-19 [Pew 1894]
Rev. 22:16 [Pew 1939]

**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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Choir

Sermon

Series: The Many Names of the Christ Child
"The Bright Morning Star"

Dr. Angus

Responding to the Word

The First Noel

UMH 245

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Jack Arnold

Offertory

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
Rheatta Petty, David Wood

*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

Threefold Amen

David Wood, Choir

****Band:**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School – 9:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Supper – 5:45 pm

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.

NOTE FROM PASTOR STEVEN AND CHERI

We would like to thank you for the many expressions of love extended to us during the Christmas Season. The cards, gifts, and food were appreciated. I [Steven] appreciate the generous monetary gift you gave me. We are grateful not only for these but, more importantly, for your encouragement extended throughout the year.