

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

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**Processional**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**Gathering**

*Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering*

*Announcements* (See below)

*The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: John 1:14*

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

*Opening Praise* “The Friendly Beasts” UMH 227

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: Rejoice people of God and praise our Creator.

**People: We are gathered in reverence to honor our God.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of the Risen Lord and reach out to welcome others.

**People: Surely the Lord will meet us here and show us ways to live more faithfully.**

Leader: This is the hour and place to seek knowledge and the indwelling of God's presence.

**People: We are ready to receive the Spirit's gifts in these moments.**

**Unison Prayer**

**Come Spirit of God and embrace us here. Give us insight and power to turn away from all expressions of evil. Enliven our worship and prompt our faithfulness. In this Advent season, fill us with hope and joy and peace, so that we may share these gifts with others. AMEN**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Proclamation and Response**

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 1: 18-24 (page 1497 in pew Bible)

**Children's Moment**

**Message** “JOSEPH”

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**Thanksgiving & Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Communion

UMH 13

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH 618

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Offertory* “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

UMH 196

*The Doxology* (UMH 95)

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)*

**What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts with the efforts of God. Lord, we ask that you would use these gifts to help us oppose wickedness wherever it is found. Enable us to stand up for the oppressed and work for harmony among all your children. Empower us to help spread the knowledge of your ways through our community and around the world. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN**

**Sending Forth**

*Sending Song* “Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates” UMH 213

*Benediction*

*Recessional* “Lo How a Rose” ~Cat Jahnke

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, December 4** – Bible Study - Emperor Augustus and King Herod. Suggested readings: Luke 2:1-4 and Matthew 2:1-8; 13 and 16

**Monday, December 12** – Ministry Council, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, December 18** – No Children's Church; Rhonda will not be here

**Friday, December 23** – Christmas Eve/Christmas Service

**Sunday, December 25** – No church service. Enjoy time with your families

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**WANTED:** People who are willing to meet together weekly to pray for our church. For more info call Lois Heimbaugh, 815-453-2371. Everyone is encouraged to pray for our church and our nation.

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by November 28th.

**Serving next Sunday, December 4**

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Rev. Glen Stewart

**Children's Church Teacher:** First Sunday, Kids stay in service

**Children's Church Shepherd:** First Sunday, Kids stay in service

**Communion Steward for December:** Kathy Becker

**Church Hostess for December:** Contact Kathy Becker

**Coffee Fellowship Time:**

**Plowing/shoveling snow:** Service Opportunity Available

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Last week's Offering:	Church Fund	\$1,155.00
	Sunday School	\$20.00
	MOM	\$30.00



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