

Reynolds United Methodist Church
December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Processional

“Joseph Lullaby”

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 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” UMH 224

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: Come away from hectic times and weariness

People: In these moments O Lord, restore our energy.

Leader: Come away from all insignificant distractions

People: In these moments O Lord, reveal to us what is most important.

Leader: Come away from pettiness that would separate us one from another.

People: In these moments O Lord, help us to think of others in new and grace filled ways.

Praise Song “Lord of the Dance” UMH 261

Unison Prayer

Shepherding God, the signs of your love and mercy are all around us. Shine upon this assembly and lift our spirits. Fill our longing hearts with the comfort of your presence. Awaken our affection for you, calm our anxieties, and deepen our devotion. Give us strength and confidence so that we may be a shining light to our darkened world. In this Christmas season be born anew in our hearts and lives. AMEN

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 1497 in pew Bible)

Children's Moment

Rev. Glen Stewart

Message “THE WISEMEN”

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Thanksgiving & Communion

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory “We Three Kings” UMH 254

The Doxology (UMH 95)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Loving God, you have blessed us with such an abundance that that we can never do enough to express our full gratitude toward you. You have honored us by calling us to be a part of your kingdom work. We come in these moments to offer ourselves as well as our resources. Use us and our gifts to touch the lives of others and draw them into your care. AMEN

Sending Forth

Sending Song “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

Benediction

Recessional “I heard the Bells” ~ Casting Crowns

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18 – Bible Study

Sunday, December 18 – Paw Paw UMC Christmas Cantata 4:00 pm

Friday, December 23 – Christmas Eve/Christmas Service 5:00 pm

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

Saturday, December 31- Men's Breakfast at the Huddle 8:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The December Mission of the Month is The Kitchen Table. The Kitchen Table is dedicated to serving nutritious meals to people in the Rochelle area regardless of their ability to pay. Everyone in the community is welcome to dine there as it is a “community café” not a “soup kitchen”. A community café works by people who have money helping to pay for those who don't. Those who do not have the money to pay for a meal can give back by donating their time and talents to help the cause. Donations and support from many local businesses, professionals, and volunteers have made the Kitchen Table possible. Community participation by volunteering time and talents, making donations, word of mouth promotion will hopefully increase the number of people who can be served.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with Kitchen Table in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett.

Thank you. Missions Team

Save the date: Saturday February 18, 2023 Mandatory Safe Sanctuary/Gatherings training 8:00 am-noon

This training is for **all** church and Worship leaders. More details to come.

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 December 26th.

Serving this Sunday, December 18

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

Greeters: TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Rev. Glen Stuart

Children's Church Teacher: No Children's Church; Rhonda will not be here

Children's Church Shepherd: Children will stay in worship this Sunday

Communion Steward for December: Kathy Becker

Church Hostess for December: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time:

Plowing/shoveling snow: Service Opportunity Available

Serving Sunday, January 1

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

Greeters: TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Rev. Glen Stuart

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

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

Communion Steward for January: Kathy Becker

Church Hostess for January: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time:

Plowing/shoveling snow: Service Opportunity Available

Last week's Offering: Church Fund \$687.00



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