

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
December 3, 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Gathering

*Processional* All Glory Laud and Honor

*Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering*

*Announcements* (See below)

*The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Luke 2:20*

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Luke 2:20

*Opening Praise* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - UMH 196

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: Awake people of God and watch for Christ's coming.

**People: Come into our presence O God, and show us once more your awesome presence.**

Leader: Let us come together as God's family and enter a time of worship and prayer.

**People: God will meet us here and bring us comfort and peace.**

Leader: Let us praise and give thanks to the One who gives us the gift of life.

**People: God's Word is true for all times and places; God's care and comfort are always available.**

*Unison Prayer*

**Come O God, in these days of anger and strife. Bring light into our days of worry and anxiety. Enrich us with the spiritual gifts that bring confidence and hope. Help us to transcend disappointments and look to the future with the assurance of your presence. Meet us here today and empower us to reach out in compassion to all your suffering children. Equip us with your Spirit and help us to know the joy you have sent for us in your Son, Jesus the Christ. AMEN**

*Praise Song* O Come, O Come Emmanuel - UMH 211 verses 1-4

*Proclamation and Response*

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 64: 1-9 (page 1161 in the pew Bible)

*Children's Moment* Pastor Glen Stewart

*Message* "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL ENABLE US" Pastor Glen Stewart

*The Great Thanksgiving* UMH 13

*Holy Communion* Let Us Break Bread Together - UMH 618

*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayer*

The Lord's Prayer

*Offertory* Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - UMH 229

*The Doxology*

UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication*

**Gracious God, we come giving our best to you in thankfulness for all you have given us. You have been our support in times of trouble. Help us to be watchful for opportunities to reach out and help your children who are in need. We come to dedicate these gifts as symbols of our gratitude and instruments to bring aid, comfort, and hope to your hurting children. Fill us with your love and help us to be instruments of your mercy. AMEN**

*Sending Song* Hark! the Herald Angels Sing - UMH 240

*Benediction*

CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday December 3** A light lunch following Church and then Advent study on the 3 women central to the Christmas drama. The first is Elizabeth. Read Luke chapter 1.

**Sunday December 3** Hub Cluster Advent service Franklin Grove UMC 3:00 pm

**Thursday Dec 7** at 8:30 Women's Breakfast at the Huddle

**Sunday Dec 10** following Church. Advent study on Mary. Read Luke 1:26-56 and 2:1-52

**Monday Dec 11** at 7pm Church Council meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission of the Month for December is Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti. Caring for and creating hope for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness is the focus of Grace Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The goal of this project is to provide hospital and out-patient care for children and families. Long-term, the project hopes to expand its reach to more families and to educate the community about healthcare and nutrition. Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with "M.O.M." in the memo line and drop your donation any Sunday or mail to Penny Bennett. Thank you. Missions Team.

**Volunteers are needed to decorate the church and alter (hanging banners and changing floral arrangements) each month/season starting after Advent season.**

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by December 18, 2023

**Serving This Sunday, Dec 3**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:**

**Children's Church Teacher:** Children stay in church

**Children's Church Shepherd:** Children stay in church

**Communion Steward for November:** Kathy Becker

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

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** A light lunch provided by Nurture

**Serving Next Sunday, Dec 10**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Rhonda Brown

**Children's Church Teacher:** Rhonda Brown

**Children's Church Shepherd:** Volunteer needed

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Offering for:

Church Fund: \$1,105.00

MOM: \$100.00



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