

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
December 10, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</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* What Child is This - FG 180

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: The promise is that, the day is coming when you will know the strength and comfort God provides.

**People: We wait with patience to receive God's peace.**

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people says our God.

**People: We ask God to help us to be instruments of comfort in a troubled world.**

Leader: God will feed us like a shepherd and lead us into His future.

**People: God's love and hand has strengthened and blessed us!**

*Unison Prayer*

Righteous and holy God, your glory is revealed to us in small ways every day. You lift the valleys of despair and level the mountains of our anxieties and problems. Through your eyes, we see more than our immediate situation and catch a glimpse of your eternal purpose. So come among us now and speak your word of peace. Feed us with your truth, and help us look forward to celebrating the birth of your Son, Jesus. In His name we pray. AMEN

*Praise Song* Go Tell It One the Mountain - FG 205

*Proclamation and Response*

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 1119 in the pew Bible)

*Children's Moment* Rhonda Brown

*Lighting the Advent Candle*

*Message* "COMFORT OR DISQUIET??" Pastor Glen Stewart

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Offertory* No, Not One! - FG 221 verses 1,3, and 5

*The Doxology*

*Prayer of Dedication*

Holy God, may these offerings extend the promise of your comfort to your people who are broken by neglect, abuse, war, bad choices, and sinful ways. May our gifts offer hope to all who suffer and carry loads that seem too heavy to bear. Grant that this congregation of your people can be a listening and caring presence for all your hurting children. As we have heard your voice, may we reach out in your name.

*Sending Song* If That Isn't Love - FG 224

*Benediction*

CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday December 10** A light lunch following Church and then Advent study on the 3 women central to the Christmas drama. Advent study on Mary. Read Luke 1:26-56 and 2:1-52

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

**Sunday Dec 17** following Church. Advent study on Anna. Read Luke 2:22-38

**Christmas Eve service will be at our regular 10:00 worship time. There will be no evening service.**

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 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

**Communion Steward for December:** Kathy Becker

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

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

**Serving Next Sunday, Dec 17**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Pastor Glen Stewart

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

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Offering for:

Church Fund: \$1,858.83

MOM: \$60.00

Fellowship Hall Rent: \$100.00

Study Book: \$12.00



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