

**Reynolds United Methodist Church**  
**December 17, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**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* O Little Town of Bethlehem - UMH 230

*Call to Worship* (Call & Response)

Leader: God has come to renew our lives; let us rejoice!

**People: God has gathered us and claims us in this time of worship.**

Leader: Trust in God who is our strength; give thanks to God who is the source of our salvation.

**People: We will sing praises and tell of God's glorious deeds.**

Leader: Rejoice in the mercy of God who has called you by name.

**People: We will open our hearts and minds as we are led to seek God's peace.**

*Unison Prayer*

Loving God, we rejoice as we await the celebration of the birth of your Son Jesus. We remember with thanksgiving all the ways you have revealed yourself throughout the ages. We especially praise you for the ways you have touched our lives and allowed us to feel Your presence. Strengthen us and enable us to overcome temptations. Renew in us our love for you and for one another. We give thanks that you have called us together and are calling us to make a difference in your world. Empower us for the tasks you would have us do in your name. AMEN

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

*Proclamation and Response*

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 61:1-4 (page 1157 in the pew Bible)

*Children's Moment*

Pastor Glen Stewart

*Special Music*

Mary, Did You Know - Luke Smardo

*Lighting the Advent Candle*

*Message*

"A TIME TO REBUILD"

Pastor Glen Stewart

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Testimony to Joys and Concerns*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Offertory* The First Noel - UMH 245 verses 1,3, and 5

*The Doxology*

UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication*

O God, we come bringing our gifts to honor the Christ Child. Through them, may the broken-hearted find healing and hope. Grant that the lowly may be raised up, the hungry be fed, and the lost be found. We place our time and talents before you as well as these financial gifts. As you have given us your Son, we give ourselves to the work of your kingdom. AMEN

*Sending Song*

There's a Song in the Air - UMH 249

*Benediction*

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

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**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**

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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 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

**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 24**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:** Volunteer needed

**Youth Moment:** Kathy Becker

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

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**Coffee Fellowship Time:** No Coffee Fellowship this week

Offering for:

Church Fund: \$948.00

MOM: \$20.00



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