## Reynolds United Methodist Church December 24, 2023 – 4<sup>th</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

## **Lighting the Advent Candle**

Kathy Becker

**UMH 95** 

Offertory Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - UMH 196

The Doxology

*Opening Praise* O Little Town of Bethlehem - UMH 230

**Prayer of Dedication Responsive Reading** 

Antiphon 1: O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior:

#### Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Antiphon 2: O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly:

## Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Antiphon 3: O ADONAI and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

## Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.

Antiphon 4: O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication:

## Come, and deliver us and tarry not.

Antiphon 5: O KEY OF DAVID and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

# Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Antiphon 6: O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice:

## Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Antiphon 7: O KING OF THE GENTILES and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one:

## Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.

Carol 1 O Come, O Come Emmanuel - UMH 211 verses 1 and 2

#### **Proclamation and Response**

Scripture Micah 5:2 (page 1445 in the pew Bible)

Carol 2 O Little Town of Bethlehem - UMH 230 verses 1 and 4

Scripture Luke 1:26-38 The Angel Visits Mary (page 1588 in the pew Bible)

**Responsive Reading** The Magnificat - UMH 199

Scripture Luke 2: 1-7 Jesus is Born (page 1590 in the pew Bible)

Carol 3 Away in a Manger - UMH 217

Scripture Luke 2: 8-20 The Angels Visit the Shepherds (page 1591 in the pew Bible)

Carol 4 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks - UMH 236 verses 1-4

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-11 The Wisemen Come to Bethlehem (page 1497 in the pew Bible)

Carol 5 We Three Kings - UMH 254 verses 1 and 5

**Special Reading** How the Great Guest Came - Judy Light

Scripture John 1: 1-14 Jesus is the Light of the World (page 1645 in the pew Bible)

The Great Thanksgiving

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Candle Light Service

Special Music O Holy Night - The Matt Hayes Family

Benediction

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Monday January 8 at 7:00 pm Ministry Council

## **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 January 29, 2024

## Serving This 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 Children's Church Shepherd: Children stay in Church Communion Steward for December: Kathy Becker Church Hostess for December: Contact Kathy Becker Coffee Fellowship Time: No Coffee Fellowship this week

## Serving Next Sunday, Dec 31

Organist: Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed Youth Moment: Kathy Becker

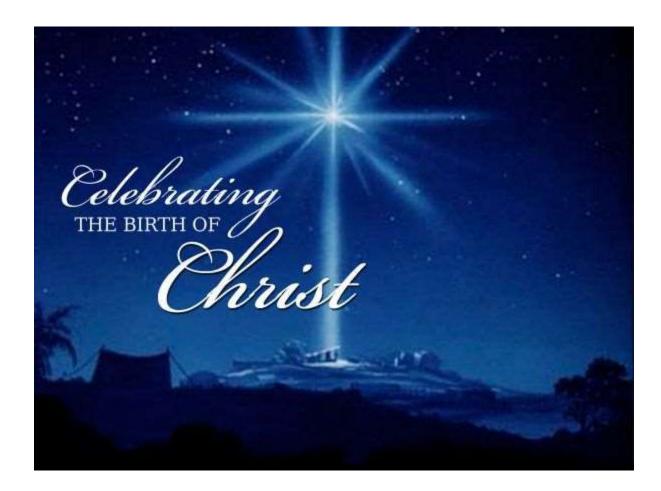
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**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Nurture

## Offering for:

Church Fund: \$820.00

MOM: \$50.00 Fellowship: \$65.00 Sunday School: \$5.00



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