## Reynolds United Methodist Church December 31, 2023

Gathering

**Processional** Welcome to Our World – Michael W. Smith

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* Away in a Manger – UMH 217

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: Rejoice in God, who is our light and salvation. Christ has come as God promised.

People: God commanded and we were enabled to become children of God.

Leader: Praise God all the people of the earth.

People: God opens our eyes and calls us by name.

Leader: Men and women, youth and aged, sing God's glory and shout for joy.

People: We will praise God's Holy Name for He has fulfilled His promises.

# Unison Prayer

Surprising God, you are so often hidden from view, yet you appear in unexpected times and places. Open our eyes and ears so that we may recognize your presence. Pour out your light and love upon us here in these moments. Unite us in this time of worship so that we may grow in your likeness, be filled with your wisdom, and reflect your love and light into our darkened world. AMEN

**Praise Song** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – UMH 224

**Proclamation and Response** 

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

Children's Moment

Message "HAVING ENOUGH" Pastor Glen Stewart

The Great Thanksgiving

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Offertory* It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – UMH 218

The Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication** 

**UMH 95** 

With joyous praise, we return a portion of all that you have given to us! You have invited us to be generous and give with open hands. You have asked us to reach out and care for those less fortunate around us. We are reminded of your amazing Grace in sharing your Son, Jesus with us. Help us through this act of giving to share the love of Jesus with others. As Jesus came into our world, may we be a lighted beacon of your love to those around us. AMEN

Sending Song Benediction

Joy to the World – UMH 246

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

#### **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 31

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Pastor Glen Stewart

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:** Nurture

## Serving Next Sunday, January 7

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

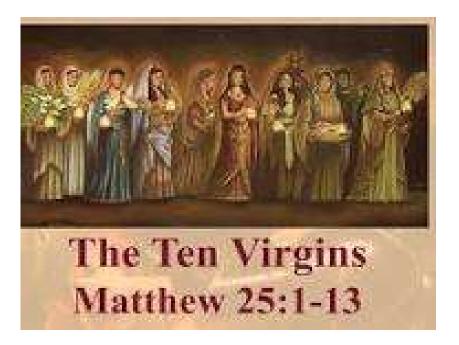
**Greeters:** TBD

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 January: Kathy Becker Church Hostess for January: Contact Kathy Becker Coffee Fellowship Time: Gary and Rhonda Brown

Offering for:

Church Fund: MOM:



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