

Reynolds United Methodist Church
January 1, 2023

Proclamation

“Welcome to Our World” ~ Michael W. Smith

Gathering

Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering

Announcements (See below)

The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior:

People: Come and save us, O Lord, our God.

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

People: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Leader: 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:

People: Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.

Leader: 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:

People: Come, and deliver us and tarry not.

Leader: O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

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

Leader: O Dayspring, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice:

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

Leader: O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one:

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

Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace”

UMH 378

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Moment

Rev. Glen Stewart

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9: 2-7 (page 1072 in pew Bible)

Carol 1 O Come O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211

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

Carol 2 O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

Scripture 3 Luke 1: 26-38 (page 1588 in pew Bible)

Responsive Reading

Reader 1: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

Reader 2: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

Reader 1: From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

Reader 2: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

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Scripture 4 Luke 2: 1-7 (page 1590 in pew Bible)

Special Music Rock A Bye My Dear Little Baby ~ Gene Brake

Scripture 5 Luke 2: 8-16 (page 1591 in pew Bible)

Scripture 6 Matthew 2: 1-11 (page 1497 in pew Bible)

Carol 3 The First Noel

UMH245

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

The Doxology (UMH 95)

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Glen Stewart

Special Reading “How The Great Guest Came”

Judy Light

Sending Forth

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, January 5 – Women’s Breakfast, 8:30 am, at Huddle

Monday, January 9 – Ad Council meeting, 7:00 pm

No Bible Study this month

Sunday, January 15 – No Children’s Church, Rhonda Brown will not be here

Saturday, February 18 – Safe Sanctuary Training 8:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED: People who are willing to meet together weekly to pray for our church. For more info call Lois Heimbaugh, 815-453-2371. Everyone is encouraged to pray for our church and our nation.

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by January 30th

Serving This Sunday, January 1

Ushers for this week: Volunteers needed

Greeters: TBD

Liturgist: Volunteer needed

Youth Moment: Rev. Glen Stuart

Children’s Church Teacher: First Sunday, Kids stay in service

Children’s Church Shepherd: First Sunday, Kids stay in service

Communion Steward for January: Kathy Becker

Church Hostess for January: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time:

Plowing/shoveling snow: Service Opportunity Available

Serving Next Sunday, January 8

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Offering: Church Fund: \$1125.00 MOM: \$125.00, Fellowship: \$24.00



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