

Reynolds United Methodist Church
January 7, 2024

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: Psalm 27:14

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:14

Opening Praise Lord of the Dance - UMH 261 verses 1, 3, 5

Call to Worship (Call & Response)

Leader: God has drawn us together here despite our differences.

People: Surely God will meet us here and speak words of comfort to us.

Leader: We come with our sense of loss and confusion, needing comfort and direction.

People: We come seeking and stumbling, needing God's hand upon our lives.

Leader: Come with joy and singing before our God!

People: God offers us joy and gladness and His abundance.

Unison Prayer

We praise you, O God, for the comfort and abundance you provide. Where you reign, there is peace. In your Word, there is power. We seek your presence so that we might receive a spiritual blessing. Grant wisdom and insight to your people and enable us to know your will. We have welcomed a babe in Bethlehem's manger; now we seek to learn more fully how He would have us live. Share with us anew His message of salvation. AMEN

Praise Song Sweet, Sweet Spirit - UMH 334

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2: 19-23 (page 1498 of the pew Bible)

Children's Moment

Kathy Becker

Message

“GOING HOME”

Pastor Glen Stewart

The Great Thanksgiving

Testimony to Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Let Us Break Bread Together - UMH 618

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

UMH 95

Use these gifts, O God, to sound a word of hope in a troubled world. Let them reach beyond this place into a lonely, hurting world. Extend our gifts among the children and youth who need to know that someone cares. Lift up among us those lasting values that enrich lives and create wholeness. We dedicate this offering and our efforts for this purpose. AMEN

Sending Song

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior - UMH 351

Benediction

CHURCH CALENDAR

January 8, 2024 Monday; Ministry Council meeting 7:00 pm

January 10, 2024 Wednesday; Ashton Community Dinner at Ashton Bible Church noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission of the Month for January is Rockford Rescue Mission where they provide “Help & Hope for Hurting People in the Rock River Valley.” Their services are designed to serve physical, emotional, spiritual and relational needs by empowering people to move from despair and hopelessness to whole-person life change. Change starts with a hot meal and a safe place to sleep. Services include Case Management, Medical, Dental, and Chiropractic appointments, Christ-Centered Guidance, Life Skills Classes, Spiritual Mentoring & Guidance, Educational Assessment & Support, Vocational Training, and Aftercare. These services are made possible by God's continuing grace and generous supporters. 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, 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

Serving Next Sunday, January 14

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 January: Kathy Becker

Church Hostess for January: Contact Kathy Becker

Coffee Fellowship Time: Denny & Karen Yocum

Offering for:

Church Fund: \$757.00

MOM: \$20.00

Sound System: \$100.00

Fellowship: \$25.00

Study Books: \$32.00



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