

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
December 15, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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**Gathering**

*Processional*

Pastor's Moment and announcements

*Announcements* (See below)

*The All Church Memory Verse of the Month:* Psalm 25:4

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

*\*Call to Worship*

**(Call & Response)**

Leader: Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

**All: What, then, should we do?**

Leader: Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

**All: What, then, should we do?**

Leader: God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should you do?

**All: We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** Gary & Rhonda Brown

**\*Opening Hymn:** Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus - UMH 196

**\*Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We are filled with awe when we see the work of your hand. We pray that you will make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

\*Gloria Patri Pg. 70

**Responsive Reading** Isaiah 12: 2-6

\* **Hymn:** Open My Eyes, That I May See - UMH 454

**Proclamation and Response**

**\*Scripture Reading:** Philippians 4: 4-7

**Children's Moment**

**Message** "Rejoice the Lord is Near"

**Joys & Concerns of God's People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Jan Shaulis

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*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever, AMEN

**Offertory**

**\*The Doxology – UMH 95**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Closing Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - UMH 89

**Benediction**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

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**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 4:00 pm Country Christmas at Rockwood's Barn, 1753 Iron Springs Road, Franklin Grove, Il

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service at Reynolds United Methodist Church

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service at Ashton United Methodist Church

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The Mission of the Month for December is HOPE of Ogle County. The mission of HOPE is to advocate on behalf of domestic abuse victims and their children in a welcoming environment. There are caring professionals to provide safety planning support, shelter, and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future. They offer support, counseling, assistance and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to listen and provide support, providing individuals with information regarding ways to be safe and help those involved in abusive relationships pave a path to rebuild their lives. Counseling and court advocacy services are available in Ogle County. They have offices in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo.

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

Submit items for the Newsletter to the Church office by December 23, 2024

**Serving This Sunday, December 15**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:**

**Youth Moment:** Pastor Jan Shaulis

**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:** Volunteer needed

**Snow Removal:** Volunteer needed

**Serving Next Sunday, December 22**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:**

**Youth Moment:** Kathy Becker

**Children's Church Teacher:** Rhonda Brown

**Children's Church Shepherd:** Volunteer needed

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Offering for:

Church Fund: \$1,420.00

M.O.M: \$60.00



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