

Reynolds United Methodist Church  
December 15, 2024 4<sup>th</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, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here! **All: We wait as people of God's promise.**

Leader: The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

**All: We listen as people of God's promise.**

Leader: Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

**All: We follow as people of God's promise.**

Leader: This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

**All: God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

**\*Opening Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - UMH 211

**\*Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to see your path and the strength to follow where you lead. Help us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

**\*Gloria Patri** Pg. 70

***Responsive Reading*** Isaiah 9:6

Leader: For to us a child is born,

**All: to us a son is given,**

Leader: and the government will be on his shoulders.

**All: And he will be called**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**All: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**\* Hymn:** O Little Town of Bethlehem - UMH 230 verses 1, 3 &4

**Proclamation and Response**

**\*Scripture Reading:** Luke 2: 1-5

***Children's Moment***

***Message*** " Going to the Manger"

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

***Pastoral Prayer***

***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:** Love Came Down at Christmas - UMH 242

**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

**December 28<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am Men's breakfast at the Huddle

**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 22**

**Pianist:** Becky Ackland

**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

**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 29**

**Organist:** Bev Kearns

**Ushers for this week:** Volunteers needed

**Greeters:** TBD

**Liturgist:**

**Youth Moment:** Pastor Jan Shaulis

**Children's Church Teacher:** Volunteer needed or children stay in church

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Offering for:

Church Fund: \$745.00

M.O.M: \$20.00

Sunday School \$10.00



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