

**A Service of Music and Praise**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**and**  
**Kingston United Methodist Church**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2009 – 11:00 AM**

*\* Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.  
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

**GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

Handbell Chiming of the Hour

Handbell Introit                    *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Prelude                    *“Light of Lights, King of Kings”*

Call to Worship

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

In you, we put our trust.

For you guide the humble in what is right,

and teach the lowly your ways of love.

Opening Prayer

The days are surely coming when your justice and righteousness will prevail. We look forward to the day when you will perfect your reign in the world, but pledge to live by the rules of that reign now! The tide is turning. Soon and very soon the past will overwhelm the future, and the present of your presence will last forever. Abide with us now as we gather to praise your name. **Amen.**

Choir                                    *“Candle of Advent”*

Lighting the 1<sup>st</sup> Candle of Advent

Lighting

Scripture

Prayer

\*Call to Confession

Christ has delivered us from sin to death

but we continue to cling to our failures and fears.

Let us confess our sin to God, who promises to free us from all that keeps us bound.

\*Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Coming Lord, as we wait and watch and yearn and ache,  
we look around for signs of your presence.**

**But what we see mostly are indications of our sinfulness.**

**The needy are overlooked.**

**Selfishness has the upper hand.**

**Hatred and violence triumph over peace and reconciliation.**

**Our commitments waver; our resolve weakens;**

**and we find ourselves further away from the path  
for which you have marked in Christ.**

**We long for a word of forgiveness and direction,**

**and for a sense of purpose and meaning.**

**Come quickly, Lord. With mercy and grace, come quickly Lord.**

*... (silent & personal confession) Amen*

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri # 579

***Glory Be to the Father***

H. W. Greatorex

Choral Anthem

“A Cradle Waits”

**THE WORD**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

“Living in Hope”

The Rev. Craig Hendrix

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles Creed** (*Traditional*)

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\*Hymn of Response # 1

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

STUTT GART

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

*“There’s a Song in the Air”*  
Mary Hook & Wayne Duggin

*arr. Smith/Hustad*

\*Doxology

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **THE SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

TRURO

\*Charge

\*Benediction

\*Choral Postlude

*“Will We Know Him?”*

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

Liturgist: Danny Holloway

Pianist: Mary Hook

Acolytes: Tabitha Cox and Julie Coen

Ushers: Carolyn Tulley and Carol Brown

Sound: Greg Murr

### **BETHEL STAFF**

Rev. Craig Hendrix - Interim Pastor

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

Mary Hook – Pianist and Organist

Chris Badger – Bell Choir Director

Linda Gerth – Child-care

Rev. Richard Hettrick, D. Min.– Pastor Emeritus

Will Purushotham – Youth Director

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Kingston United Methodist Church**



**Regular Bethel Services of Worship**

Sunday Morning Worship – 11:00am

Bethel and KUMC Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Bethel Christian Education 9:45 am (for all ages)

KUMC and Bethel Youth Fellowship 6:00 pm

In KUMC Ministry Center

**Regular KUMC Services of Worship**

Sunday Morning Worship - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Bethel and KUMC Youth Sunday School 9:30 am (at Bethel)

Sunday School 9:30 am (for all ages)

KUMC and Bethel Youth Fellowship 6:00 pm

In KUMC Ministry Center

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