

**Reynolds United Methodist Church**  
**December 19, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**Prelude**

**Processional**      “Joseph’s Lullaby” ~ MercyMe

**Gathering**

**Greeting & Words of Welcome & Centering**

**The All Church Memory Verse of the Month: Luke 1:45**

*"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" ~ Luke 1:45*

**Lighting the Advent Candle(s)**      The Gittlesons

*Reader 1:* How strange it is, that God would take on flesh, that God would make love known, would prove a love that not only knows our struggle but shares it.

*Reader 2:* Love makes room, holds space, and shows up for the sake of the beloved. (as Reader 1 lights the 4<sup>th</sup> candle) We light this candle as a sign of the love that names us, claims us, calls us, and sends us.

**All: Open the door, let light shine, let love come in!**

**Opening Praise**      “Away In a Manger”      UMH 217

**Proclamation and Response**

**Children’s Moment**

**Scripture Lesson**      Romans 12:9-21

**Message**      “Series: Open the Door  
Week 4: What Does Hospitality Do?”      Pastor Seamus

**Thanksgiving & Communion**

**Hymn**      “Love Came Down at Christmas”      UMH 242

**Testimony to Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer (w/the Lord’s Prayer)**

**The Doxology** (UMH 95)

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God does not desire us to bring burnt offerings but instead asks that we do God's will. So we bring to God now the offerings of our lives and our labors, with the prayer that God's will may be done through them. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sending Forth**

**Announcements**      (See below)

**Sending Song**      “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”      UMH 384

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**      “Love Came Down” ~ Jars of Clay

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Friday, December 24** – Christmas Eve Service, 4 pm

**Thursday, January 6** – Women’s Christian Fellowship, The Kitchen Table, Rochelle

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The December Mission of the Month is the Martin Keagy Grant Fund.

The Martin Keagy Bequest Advisory Committee works to provide support to small town and rural churches in the NIC to train persons in skills useful for effective rural ministry, promote awareness of rural concerns and issues, enhance existing ministries, and develop new ministries in response to the changing rural environment.

Please make checks payable to "Reynolds Church" with "Keagy" or “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 27th.

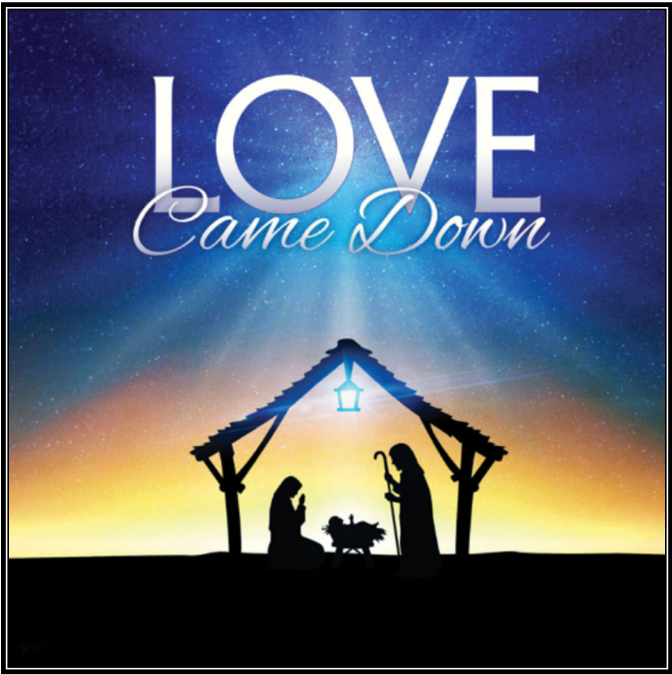
**Serving this Sunday, December 19**

**Ushers for December:** TBD  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Liturgist:** Penny Bennett  
**Youth Moment:** Pastor Seamus  
**Children’s Church Teacher:** Denny Yocum  
**Children’s Church Shepherd:** Kathy Becker  
**Communion Steward for December:** Kathy Becker  
**Church Hostess for December:** Contact Pastor Seamus  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Christmas Cookie Potluck  
**Mowing/Snow:** Service Opportunity Available

**Serving next Sunday, December 26**

**Ushers for December:** TBD  
**Greeters:** TBD  
**Liturgist:** TBD  
**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 Pastor Seamus  
**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Nurture  
**Mowing/Snow:** Service Opportunity Available

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| Last week’s Offering: | Church Fund   | \$ | 1,040.00 |
|                       | Harvest Fest  | \$ | 1,000.00 |
|                       | M.O.M.        | \$ | 30.00    |
|                       | Sunday School | \$ | 5.00     |



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