

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## JOURNEY OF HOPE

December 3, 2017 - 10:30 AM

Please turn off all communication devices. Hearing Assistance Devices and Large Print Bibles are available; please ask an Usher. Children's Bulletins and "Quiet Bags" are available at the Welcome Table.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – The Candle of HOPE

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

**Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)**

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Arr. by David Lantz III

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.*

**Psalm 33:20-22 (ESV)**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 33:18-22 (ESV)**

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

**Leader:** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

**People:** **Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

**Leader:** For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

**ALL:** **Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #196 (stanzas )

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*I Cry Out*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**The Hope Of Adam**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*Prince Of Heaven*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, and affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I comely? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not! You know that all these are snares by my corruptions, and that my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my natural state, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin. In Jesus' name, Amen!

### COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

**Psalm 32:5 (ESV)**

*I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

### \*GREETING OF PEACE

**Psalm 29:11 (ESV)**

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

*May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

*\*The congregation stands.*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)**

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

**WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you!  
The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby  
put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you  
and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*

**Malachi 3:10 (ESV)**

**OFFERTORY**

*Antiphonal for Advent with The Journey Begins*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 2 in pew Bible)

**Genesis 3:1-15**

**SERMON**

**"The Journey Begins"**

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #521** (stanzas 1-2) *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord's Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us.  
The celebration of the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)**

*And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.  
For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

[there is a gluten-free option on the bread tray]

Please feel free to eat the bread when you are served to signify that Christ's death was for you as an individual.

Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may partake together signifying that the Christ's death was for the Body of Christ called from before the foundation of the world.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #521** (stanzas 3-4) *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Arr. by John Innes

**Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:**

**CHANGED HEARTS** through the power of the Gospel of Grace,

**CHANGED LIVES** through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a

**CHANGED COMMUNITY**, where the community is so impacted by the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.