

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOURNEY OF HOPE

December 10, 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 PEACE

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through whom we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *In The Bleak Midwinter*

Arr. by John Innes

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

"And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Isaiah 59:21 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:42-45 (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: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

People: **So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.**

Leader: And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

ALL: **Praise the LORD!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #201

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder David Haas

*SONG OF PRAISE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Promise Made To Abraham

*SONG OF PRAISE

He Shall Reign For Evermore

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Almighty and most merciful God; We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We plead with You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may hereafter walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*GREETING OF PEACE

Romans 5:1 (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.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

*For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has,
not according to what he does not have.*

2 Corinthians 8:12 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Journey Of Praise

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.
No other name I know, name I know.
Holy is the name of Jesus.
No other name I know, name I know.
Tell me who do you call Wonderful Counselor?
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King.
Well, I call Jesus the Wonderful Counselor.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King.
The shepherds worshipped a baby in a manger.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
The Baby Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
There were three wise men lookin' for a Savior.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
They followed the star and it led them to Bethlehem.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King.

Mighty is the name of Jesus.
No other name I know, I know.
Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild.
New life, new hope, new joy He brings;
Won't you listen to the angels sing.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King
Well, He was promised by the prophets,
The Hope of all the ages.
Sweet Mary was His lowly mother;
The Holy Spirit was His Father.
O the wise men came from afar,
Guided only by a shining star.
They found Him, they worshipped,
They praise Him, my Jesus, the Son of God.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
Praise that wonderful name of Jesus.
No other name I know, name I know.
Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.
No other name I know.
Bless that wonderful, wonderful name.
His name is Jesus!

*SCRIPTURE READING (page 10 in pew Bible)

Genesis 15:1-6

SERMON

"Christ, Our Great Hope"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

*CLOSING HYMN #207

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Arr. 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.