

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

December 9, 2018 - 10:30 AM

Please silence 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 *O Come, O Come Immanuel and What Child is This?*

Arr. by Lorie Line

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

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth.

John 18:37 (ESV)

INTROIT

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

By Matt Boswell, Matt Papa and Stuart Townend

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10 (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: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

ALL: **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #198 (stanzas 1, 4-6) *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Paul Earhart

*WORSHIP IN SONG

*He Shall Reign
In Christ Alone*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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

**For those who are able, please stand.*

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.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE #213 (stanzas 1 & 2) *What Child Is This*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Prophecy Of The Incarnation

HYMN OF HOPE #213 (stanzas 1 & 3) *What Child Is This*

***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.

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 [the gift] is acceptable according to what a person has,
not according to what he does not have.*

2 Corinthians 8:12 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

REFRAIN

A voice cries out, “Prepare the way!
Prepare the way of the Lord!”
The prophet cries out, “Prepare the way!
Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Ev’ry valley shall be lifted up;
Ev’ry mountain and hill made low.
Ev’ry crooked path shall be made straight,
And the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

REFRAIN

So comfort, comfort my people,
Says the Lord God who reigns on high.
To Jerusalem say, “Your night is gone,
For the Lord has heard your cry.
Prepare the way of the Lord.”

REFRAIN

***SCRIPTURE READING** (page 573 in pew Bible)

Isaiah 9:6-7

SERMON

“The Prophecy Of The Incarnation”

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***CLOSING HYMN #214**

Angels We Have Heard On High

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard On High

Arr. by John Innes

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

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

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