

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Glory of the Incarnation

November 29, 2020 - 10:30 AM

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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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Arr. by Gary Norian

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

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord

By Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:2-8 (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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Response: **You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

Leader: For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

Response: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

ALL: **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Asst. Pastor Michael Anderson

*WORSHIP IN SONG

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

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!

**The congregation stands; if able.*

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)

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

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

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)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Adore

By Graham Kendrick & Martin Chalk

SCRIPTURE READING (page 599 in blue pew Bible)

Isaiah 40:1-5

SERMON

"The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***CLOSING HYMN #196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arr. by Gary Norian

Personal Prayer and Counsel

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

Romans 12:10, 12, 13 (NIV)

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please see Pastor Stain or one of our Elders at the back of the church following the worship service where we are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:

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.