

Hope

Advent celebrates the coming of Christ already, but it also anticipates the Lord's return. This is the heartbeat of our hope.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Hope is based on . . .

❖ The God who resurrects

“a twig becomes a branch”

A dead stump produces life again

❖ The God who renews

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me . . .” — Luke 4:18

Romans 8:11

❖ The God who is always right

Our God can't be faked out.

Revelation 19:11-16

❖ The God who reigns

A return to the Garden of Eden

Hope empowers us to wait.

Romans 8:22-24

Notes: _____

Reflective Questions

- 1) If you had something carved out of a stump, what might you choose?
- 2) What does the word “hope” mean to you? How does hope help us?
- 3) Which of the four aspects of hope taught from Isaiah 11 means the most to you? Why? How does hope help us wait?



UGLY SWEATER DAY *TODAY*

Wearing an ugly Christmas sweater is a Children's Ministry tradition. Feel free to compliment the kids and even the adults on their Christmas attire.

GINGERBREAD BASH *This Tuesday, December 14*

Join us on Tuesday, December 14th for a family Christmas celebration! Gingerbread Bash is a fun and interactive experience designed for the whole family. Last chance to sign-up in the lobby.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Next Sunday, December 19*

We look forward to next Sunday when we get to hear our children share a few Christmas songs with us. Also, the 4th Sunday of Advent will highlight love. The music, the message and the meal will all make this last Sunday gathering before Christmas very special.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT *Friday, December 24 @ 5pm*

We gather on the most special night of the year to celebrate Christ's birth. We worship, light candles, share a children's lesson and enjoy God's Word on "The Faith That Fills." There will be childcare for Nursery through 4 year-olds. We will also provide a live stream connection.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

We are partnering with other churches around the U.S. to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas again this year through A.C. The country of Haiti has a desperate need for something as basic as clean water. We will partner with Living Water International by digging a water well for a village in Haiti. You can participate by sharing a financial gift in the offering slot (please write Advent on the memo line) or online through our website using the giving tab at the bottom of the page.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Welcome

GUESTS & VISITORS

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

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