

Pastor's Log 12-9-2020

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

These are the four themes of our traditional Advent worship services. They speak to what the inbreaking presence of the Kingdom of God brings to each of us, and to all of us. Hope comes from the promise of a beloved community. Hope shares the desire for a different reality, a different way than we currently have. It is born in a desire of what is, and what can be.

Yet hope is not enough on its own. Peace comes with the recognition that we have not been left alone, we are not left alone. Peace comes with the recognition that God is with us, and is at work in our lives, in this world.

With peace comes the clarity that allows us to perceive what it is that God is trying to make new in our midst, how creation continues even through and with us. Joy is the exclamation discovery of a new way of being. Joy is the exclamation that comes with the recognition that we are bound only to what has been. Joy comes with the recognition of what is made possible because God is with us.

And love is the means by which God brings the new creation into being. In the person of Jesus Christ, we find the means and the way to live into the Kingdom of God. The love of God shared with us, expressed through us, experienced in Christ and through the voice and hands and gifts of others, carries us into the reality of God rule of Love.

This year it may be more difficult to find meaning in these words because of all that has happened in this past year. Yet I remind you, that we are not the first to experience such a year. Think back to your own life when the way seemed darkest. Think back to the depths of the World Wars, and the Spanish Flu, the darkest days of the Civil War, to the Revolution and the times that tried our souls. We were not alone. We are not alone.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. On them has light shined.

We are that people. Praise be to God!

Sunday Adult Education

This Sunday, at 2:00, we will continue our Advent Study during the Advent Season. Pastor Paul will lead the discussion on the person and role of Mary, the Mother of Jesus in the Christmas Story, and in our Christian faith. You will find the Zoom link below.

Glass Blowing Display

On Saturday, December 12, Jarryd Pezzillo will be at the 1867 Sanctuary from 11:00am-4:00pm displaying his blown glass artwork. Christmas items – ornaments, snow men, icicles, as well as fall harvest items will be available for purchase. He will also be giving glass-blowing demonstrations.

Here are the Ewing-Covenant Zoom Links:

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church at Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910100569>

Or by telephone, dial 1-929-205-6099, if asked, enter the Webinar ID: 910 100 569

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 AM Led by Sam Bonner

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=WxV3dk5zYlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REdz09>

By phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter when asked the meeting ID 564-813-133

Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81923102879>

By phone, dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 819 2310 2879

Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor Ann

Tuesdays at 10 AM to 11 AM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81010467123?pwd=UDNqWG5pN0t3MFJUeDN5SFcvQnpzd09>

Meeting ID: 810 1046 7123 Password: 271785 By phone +1- 929- 436-2866 enter password: 271785

Thursdays at 7 PM to 8 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960150849?pwd=bTdYTVV3S1MOR2xmenZSWlc5MnhMUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 150 849 Password: 079496 By phone dial 1-929 -436-2866 Password: 079496

Wednesday Vision Conversations with Pastor Paul 7:00PM Dec. 9 & 16

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079729283>

By phone, dial 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 860 7972 9283