WEDNESDAY: 9:30 AM - Bible Study:

Can God bring good out of bad? Can God take dead and dry bones and bring them to life? Find out this Wednesday as we study the last half of the book of Ezekiel, chapters 33-48 and discover the promise of God to bring new life in the desert places.

7:00 - Prayer Group

BIRTHDAYS: Sue Hall – 12/7, Marcia Roth – 12/10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or send an email: pastor@cosumc.com.

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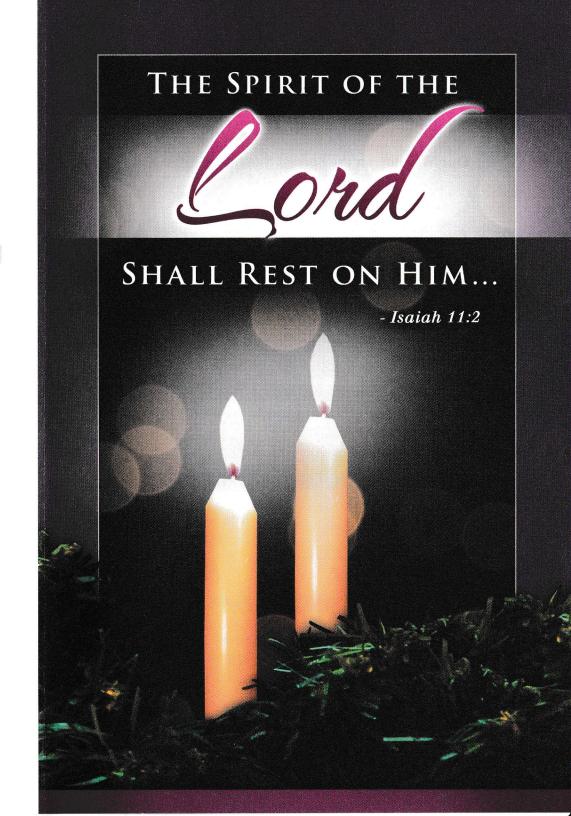
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Our Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent

December 03, 2016 Worship Leader: Pat Hanson



Welcome to Christ Our Savior United Methodist Church where Jesus is Lord. Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in the Season of Advent as we prepare for the coming birth of Jesus, the Redeemer of the world.

May you feel His presence and joy! We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books*. Opening Devotion and Prayer Singing Praises to Jesus

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Lighting the Advent Candle Good Samaritan Fund Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

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Message: "The Thrill of Hope"

Pastor Ken Gardner

POWER FOR MINISTRY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (All persons who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord are welcome to come forward to receive Communion.)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

TODAY

HOPE - We remember God's promise. God promised to send a Savior to the people. When we listen to our Scripture reading, we hear what the prophet Isaiah wrote about God. God fulfills the promises made to care for people. God is loving and just. God brings peace. This gives us hope. We look forward to the time when everything is fair, when the world is at peace, and all people are treated justly. Read Isaiah 2:1-5.

Angel Tree – Please bless a special family this year by taking an Angel from the tree and purchasing gifts this Christmas season. Your generosity will bring smiles and blessings for this family in our community. Return gifts by Dec. 18th.

HIGHLIGHTS

Next Sunday, Dec. 11th – Join us for the Church Christmas Potluck after Worship. Bring your favorite dish to share and Christmas treats are welcomed. You won't want to miss Christmas Caroling around the community after the Potluck. The winner of the Christmas Quilt will be announced at the potluck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 19th – American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 6:30PM

Dec. 25th – 10:00 AM - Christmas Worship!

Jan. 7th – Un-decorate the Church

Jan. 29th – Church on Bikes

Feb. 23^{rd} - 26^{th} – Girls Chrysalis Flight Mar. 2^{nd} – 5^{th} – Boys Chrysalis Flight

Mar. 13th - American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 6:30PM

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study: This Tuesday night at our Men's Bible Study we will study Matthew 27:1-10, which records the desperation and sadness of Judas. Come and see how the Old Testament predicted this, that Jesus expected this, and how God can work despite this

"JOY, HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, BELIEVE" Series

Christmas 2016 Message #1 of 5

"THE THRILL OF HOPE"

Biblical hope is not a wish, a desire, or a dream we have; but is based on the certainty of God's promise, not our own striving, working, or faithfulness.

Hebrews 6:13-20

December 4, 2016 / Communion Sunday

1. THE CERTAINTY OF ... GOD'S PROMISE (v.13-16)

- GOD'S ACTION
 - o God promised
 - o God blessed
 - o God gave
- OUR ACTION
 - o Wait
 - o Receive

2. THE CERTAINTY OF ... ETERNAL HOPE (v.17-18)

- GOD'S ACTION
 - o God wanted to make His purpose very clear
 - o God confirmed His promise with an oath
- OUR ACTION
 - o Run to Jesus
 - o Take hold of this hope
 - o Be greatly encouraged

3. THE CERTAINTY ... OF OUR ANCHOR (v.19-20)

- OUR CERTAINTY
 - o An anchor for the soul
 - o Firm
 - o Secure

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- GOD'S ACTION
 - o Jesus entered the inner sanctuary
 - o Jesus went before us
 - o Jesus entered on our behalf
 - o Jesus is a priest
 - o Jesus' priesthood is forever

The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis In The Chronicles of Narnia book series

"But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page.

Now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."