Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Chur The Lord's Day, November 29, 2020	ch	
First Sunday in Advent: HOPE		
10:50 AM Church Family Announcements		
11 AM Morning Worship		
Prelude	B.J. Lyle	
Welcome	Pastor Paul	
Lighting of the Hope Advent Candle	The Barnes Family	

*Hymn of Preparation	"Emmanuel"	Page 243
*Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	"Waiting for You"	Pastor Paul
Sermon	HOPE	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Dedication	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Page 244

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is-psqvcvk4xr3cf5

## **SERMON: HOPE**

Scriptures: John 9:5; Is. 9:2,6; John 1:4-5; Luke 2:25-32; Is. 40; Rom. 15:7-12; Is. 53:4-6

**Today** we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. May we receive the Light of God's Word in to our hearts this day.

## Hear the Word of the LORD.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2

## Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, as we meditate on the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to shine brighter in this spiritually dark world. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of the return of your son Jesus, In whose name we pray. Amen.

\*Praise Songs

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" "Christ Be All Around Me"

Children's Sermon

Pastor Karen

## Is Your Hope in God Faint and Dying?

By Oswald Chambers

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. Isaiah 26:3

Is your imagination stayed on God or is it starved? The starvation of the imagination is one of the most fruitful sources of exhaustion and sapping in a worker's life. If you have never used your imagination to put yourself before God, begin to do it now. It is no use waiting for God to come; you must put your imagination away from the face of idols and look unto Him and be saved. Imagination is the greatest gift God has given us and it ought to be devoted entirely to Him.

If you have been bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, it will be one of the greatest assets to faith when the time of trial comes, because your faith and the Spirit of God will work together. Learn to associate ideas worthy of God with all that happens in Nature – the sunrises and the sunsets, the sun and the stars, the changing seasons, and your imagination will never be at the mercy of your impulses, but will always be at the service of God.

"We have sinned with our fathers...[and] remembered not" – then put a stiletto in the place where you have gone to sleep. "God is not talking to me just now," but He ought to be. Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve. Provoke yourself by recollection, and your affection for God will increase tenfold; your imagination will not be starved any longer, but will be quick and enthusiastic, and your hope will be inexpressibly bright.

> FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PO Box 400 –Plymouth, NC 27962 Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington Min. of Children, Youth & Education - Rev. Karen Pruette Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw; Organist – B.J. Lyle Deaconess of the Month: Lora Craddock Office Administrator- Danita Davis www.firstbaptistplymouth.org

