



Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed the Heir of all things, through Whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Hebrews 1: 1-4

Did you know that every snowflake is a six-pointed star, just like the star of David? The LORD Jesus Christ comes from the royal family of David, the tribe of Judah, and every snowflake bears His family symbol. Couched in the fabric of the Old

Testament, the book of Hebrews connects the dots for us between what was prophesied and what actually happened when Jesus Christ arrived on earth. Implicit in the text are the questions that find answers in these verses: Who Jesus was and what He did, and the first point made is that Jesus of Nazareth is God, the very Son of God, and He reigns on the eternal throne of God. Not an angel, not merely a good person, not only a good teacher, not a worldly king; Jesus is our eternal King, Creator, and God. Hebrews also takes us through a journey of understanding Christ's mission as High Priest and Savior, bringing a permanent salvation to all people, yet everything about salvation hangs on Who Jesus was and is. Only God could save us, only God could establish a permanent Kingdom with an Heir of David on the forever throne of Heaven. Only King Jesus.

2020 ended with what seemed like a fizzle; we got our white Christmas, but our usual triumphant Christmas Eve celebration was muffled by the snowflakes, snowflakes that posed a travel hazard, keeping us indoors with the added complication of the covid-19 virus. Now at the dawn of 2021 we are full of hope that these vaccines will protect us, will keep us safe, and life can return to normal with handshakes and hugs and business as usual. While we pray this is so, the snowflake reminds us that only King Jesus is constant, and He is the One Who is in control of every circumstance. Only His throne is the forever throne, only His salvation assures us that we were meant for eternity.

I imagine that there are a lot more snowflakes in store for us as we navigate the winter months. As they fall and pile up, remember that every single one is a symbol of Christ's eternal Kingship. Every single one shouts that Jesus is King, Creator, Savior, and God. We are safe and secure because our King Jesus loves us, and saved us, and reigns in glory. If we are His subjects, His rule is in our hearts not just in this world, but in the next.

With my prayers for a blessed new year for us all,

Pastor Beth Stone

Church news:

Mary Jo Morrow, a life-long presbyterian and sister in the Lord, graced our community for many years. She loved education, bridge, storytelling, and church. Her passion for church has come in a very tangible gift to our community. In her will, Mary Jo made gifts for our youth and our church, to be used at the discretion of session, because she believed so fervently in the ministry of this church. We will miss her presence among us always, and look forward to being reunited with her in glory. Until that time, we are grateful for her generosity.



Prayer requests: Seven people in our congregation have tested positive for covid-19; some have been ill, all have recovered. We so appreciate members who are self-quarantining when they have been exposed. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, and ask for patience with the timing of God’s healing and restoration to a more normal fellowship. As this letter goes to press, we are grieved by more protests turned to violence, this time in Washington D.C. Please pray for the grace and peace of Christ to invade our land, and for the peaceful transfer of power to President-elect Biden and Vice-president- elect Harris. Remember our Biblical duty to pray for leaders.

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Reverend Elizabeth Stone, pastor

Winter Calendar 2021

As the session plans for the safe expression of our faith in community, all of these events may be virtual, postponed, or cancelled. Please watch for current news on our Facebook page and through One Call. If you have questions, call the pastor or one of the elders.

Tuesdays: AA

Wednesdays: Sr. High Revive – 6 p.m.
Choir – 7 p.m.

January

- 1 – Happy New Year!
- 3 – Communion, food offering
- 10 – Ordination of officers
- 10 – Joint meeting of session and deacons
- 14– Martha Circle 7 p.m.
- 21 – Blood drive here at SPC 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- 24 – Barley Basket 5 p.m.

February

- 2 – Mary Circle at church, 11:30 a.m.
- 7 – Food Offering
- 11 – Martha Circle at church 7:00 p.m.
- 14 – Deacons meet at noon
- 17 – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- 21 – Barley Basket 5 pm
- 28 – Session meets at noon

March

- 2 – Mary Circle
- 7 – Food offering
- 11 – Martha Circle
- 14 – Deacons meet at noon
- 21 – Barley Basket 5 pm
- 28 – Palm Sunday
Session meets at noon

April

- 1 – Maundy Thursday
- 4 – Resurrection Sunday; OGHS; food offering