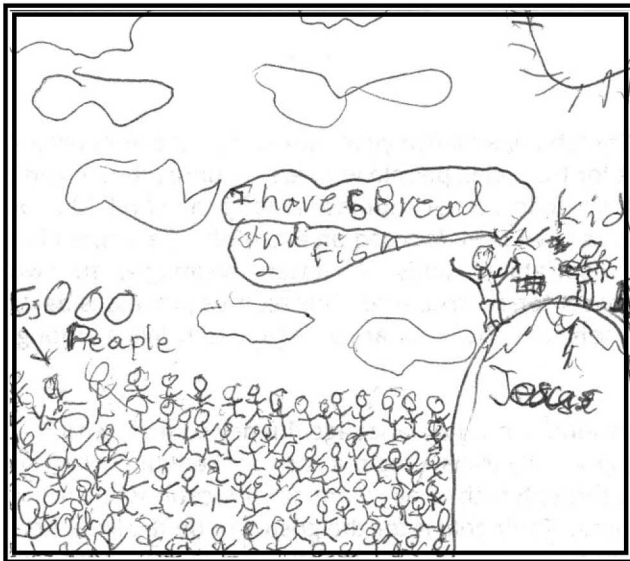


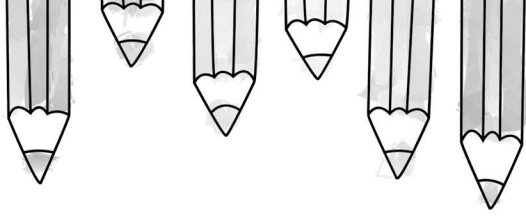
The Children's Worship Bulletin

Trinity Presbyterian Church

January 2, 2022



Name: Houghton Smith Age: 9



Just a word from Mr. Michael

Michael Howell • Minister of Pastoral Care

Children,

As we try to understand this passage from Isaiah (40:1-11), a window into its meaning comes from the Jewish community. The Jewish people worldwide have a weekly reading schedule of the Old Testament. The darkest weeks of the reading schedule come in the middle of summer, leading up to a day called “Tisha B’Av”, which is the saddest day of the Jewish year. “Tisha B’Av” remembers when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians and then later by the Romans. It is a day of fasting and sadness.

But this is not the end of the story. Immediately after “Tisha B’Av”, the reading schedule has 7 weeks of comfort and reassurance, leading up to the Jewish New Year, called Rosh Hashanah. Isaiah 40:1-26 is the reading listed for the week after “Tisha B’Av”, reminding them that sadness is not the final word. God’s grace and forgiveness offer a new promise and good news.

Isaiah wrote while the Assyrian empire was growing, and the kingdom of Israel would soon be destroyed. It was a sad and scary time. Yet Isaiah knew that this would not be the final event. His description of restoration would give fresh hope and joy to a sad and tired people, who wondered if God was present with them and powerful enough to protect them.

Isaiah’s words also pointed forward to the time when John the Baptist would come. The work of John the Baptist is described in Matthew 3:3: “For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness; Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Did you notice that John the Baptist is quoting from Isaiah 40:3?

John’s reference to Jerusalem’s hard times & sadness being over and her sin being paid for (Isaiah 40:3) would one day become true for all nations, as Jesus preached that all people on earth are now invited into a living relationship with God.

Mr. Michael



Do you have a:

Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for?

Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear Mr. Mac,

Name: _____ Age: _____

A Guide to Family Worship

January 3 - January 8

THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!!

10 EASY STEPS

- #1 Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.**
- #2 Try really hard to make the same time every day.**
- #3 It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.**
- #4 Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.**
- #5 Sing a song or two together.**
- #6 Take prayer requests.**
- #7 Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.)
Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks.**
- #8 Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.**
- #9 Have a Leader of the Day: they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/ or tell something that happened to them that day.**
- #10 Dad, pray this over your children: Numbers 6:24–26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sermon Art

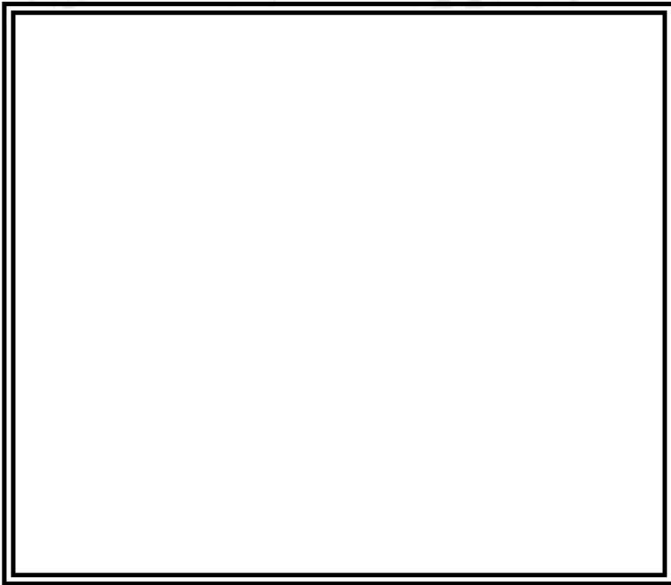
Use this page to **illustrate** something that Mr. Howell preaches on during the sermon this morning!

This week's lesson is on

Isaiah 40:1-11

Want to see your artwork on
the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).



Name: _____

Age: _____

“And He said to them,
‘Go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel
to the whole creation.’”
Mark 16:15

Meet Our Missionaries!



Ed and Teree Solomon
Generation IMPACT
United States

Ed Solomon comes to NGI with over 30 years of ministry experience. He served with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) for 23 years with seven of those as the USA Director of Military Children's Ministry (MCM). In addition, Ed retired after twenty-five years in the Alabama National Guard with the last 10 years as an Army National Guard Chaplain. He received his M.Div. in Chaplaincy from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2019, he became a certified speaker, trainer, and coach of the John Maxwell team. Ed's passion is ministry to military children. After going through a deployment and seeing the impact this had on his family and children, he is convinced that we must reach military children with IMPACT! Ed and Teree are excited to network with others inside and outside installations to have an IMPACT on military children and their families. Ed and his wife Teree have three adult children, four grandchildren, and reside in Montgomery, Alabama. Ed will serve as USA Director of IMPACT Military KiDS! A ministry of Next Generation IMPACT.

Music and Hymns

#208 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

This hymn tells the story of the shepherds coming to see Jesus. An angel appeared to the shepherds and told them that Jesus had been born. Then a large group of angels sang "Glory to God in the highest." The shepherds went to "adore Him" and they went and told everyone about what they had seen! Have you told everyone you know about Jesus? Share the Christmas story!

#194 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Each stanza of this ancient hymn concentrates on a different biblical name for Christ. Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us"; Wisdom from on high; Desire of nations; Lord of might; Rod of Jesse; Dayspring; and Key of David. This tune is based on "plainsong", which was used in the church during medieval times. For you young musicians, notice how the rhythm is quite irregular and therefore sounds rather free-flowing instead of a strict "1-2-3-4". The minor key makes the tune sound rather haunting and distant. Aren't we glad that Jesus is no longer distant from us if we have claimed Him as our Savior this Christmas?

**"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in
Jacob who repent of their sins..."
Isaiah 59:20**



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