

Advent

December 3rd, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-2

*1 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.*

Luke 2:25-38

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."*

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Why would the people in Isaiah's time have needed words of comfort and consolation?

Why would the people in Mary and Joseph's time have needed words of comfort and consolation?

Why would people in our own time need words of comfort and consolation?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLANKETS

- Bring more (new or gently used) blankets! Bed sized blankets (Full/Queen) went the fastest but also (Twin/Throws) with patterns were more interesting for kids.
- Sign up to participate! We need just a few people (2) each week on Mondays at 5:30 PM at Everett Hills Baptist Church fellowship hall.

FOOD BOXES

- We have a Gift Card from Food City ready to use, we just need someone to do some shopping! Please check in with Dr Kim Collins to find out more details.

EKKLESIA TSHIRTS & OTHER LOGO STUFF

- TShirts are for sale (\$26)
- Other logo stuff is free so please take anything you're interested in.

ONLINE GIVING

<https://paypal.me/eklovewell>

*PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% + \$.49 on donations given online.

COMMUNITY FOOD BOXES

November - Worthington

December - Ashley

If your family or group is willing to help with the stocking of the food boxes, or if you need further information, please contact Jonathan Overly (jgoverly@gmail.com), or any Ekklesia elder.

***Your church family wants to pray for you!
Send prayer requests to Terri Bradshaw at:
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