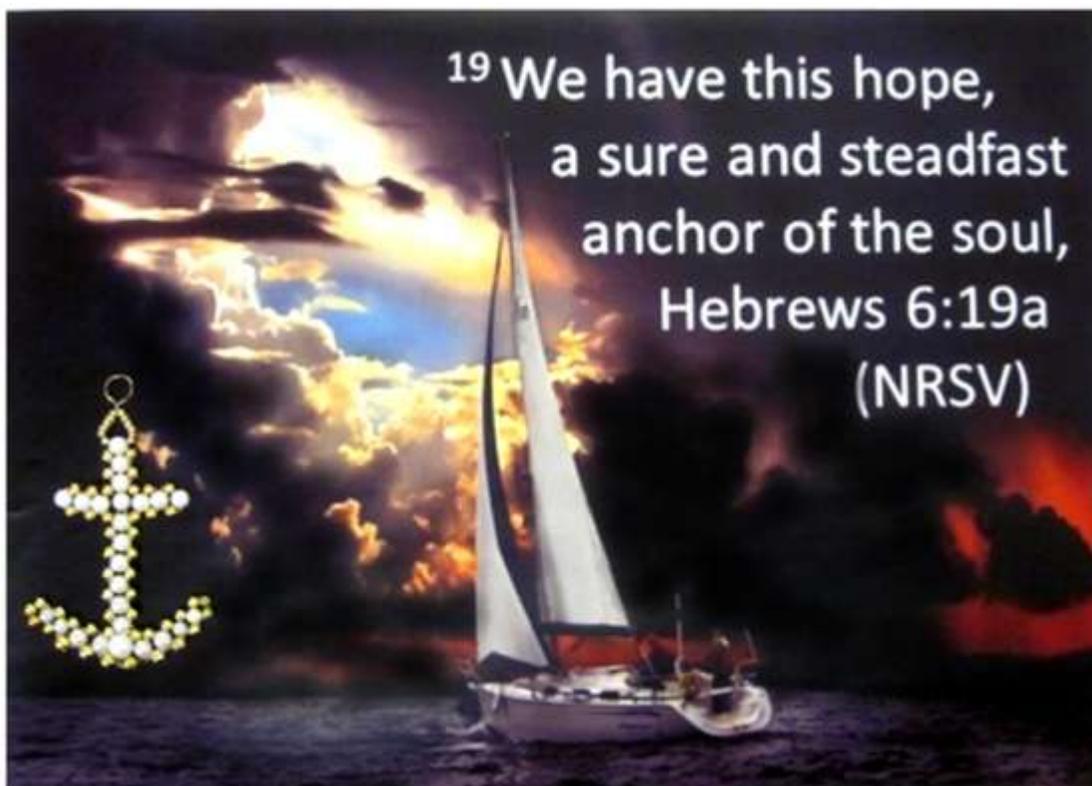


**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018  
“Searching for Hope:  
Thoughts and Reflections”**



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**Order of Worship**  
**December 2, 2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Prelude  
Tolling of the Bell  
Change for Change

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

**Gathering for Worship**

\*\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Art Kelley, Lay Leader

(Leader) We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, Hebrews 6:19a

Hymn                   **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** (vs. 1)

(Leader) O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light,  
Sun of justice:  
Come, shine on those who live in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

**(People) Come, Lord Jesus**

(Leader) I light the first candle of the advent wreath to mark our search  
for hope.

Hymn                   **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** (vs. 3)

**Strengthening Christ in Us**

Advent Prayer

**(All) O Lord, our God, we come from the turmoil of this world seeking hope.  
Open our hearts to hear the hope you offer us through Christ, in  
whose name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem                   **Come, Emmanuel**

Celebration Choir

Scripture and Reflections   **Dry Bones**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Hymn                   **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** (vs. 1,2)

Reflections

Hymn                   **Be Still, My Soul** (vs. 1,2)

Reflections

Hymn                   **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past** (vs. 1)

Reflections

\*\*Hymn                   **I Will Come to You** (vs. 1,2,3)

**Sharing Christ Among Us--  
Showing Christ Around Us**

Reflections

Hymn                   **Here I Am, Lord** (vs. 1)

Offering

\*\*Response               **Joy to The World** (vs. 1)

Reflections

Life in the Community

Reflections

Hymn

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** (vs. 1,5)

Prayers for Those Among & Around Us/Lord's Prayer

*You will have the opportunity to offer silent prayer on suggested topics. After each time of silence, we will close with the pastor saying "Lord in your mercy" and you may respond with "Hear our prayers."*

Reflections

\*\*Closing Hymn

**What Child Is This**

\*\*Challenge & Blessing

\*\*Closing Response

**May the God of Hope Go with Us**

Postlude

Hanging of the Greens

*\*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Delta's 2018 Chrismon** is the Anchor, a symbol of hope. Our lives often seem uncertain and unsafe, as boats are in a storm. But boats can be safe, even during a storm, if their anchors hold firmly to something solid. And when we link with God, we are safe, even during terrible troubles. We are weak, but God is strong.



## Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased to have you worshipping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain.

We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107) Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship.

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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