*Simply Hospitality – Simply Christmas*

*December 11th, 2022*

The season of Advent has a twofold purpose: First it is a reflection on the first advent of Jesus Christ 2000+ years ago and His advent in our lives. What opened the way for His first coming historically into this world and personally into our lives?

But secondly, because of the promise of His second coming (Acts 1:11), our reflection on His first coming lays out for us the steps we are to take daily to be ready for His second coming.

The reading of scripture reveals the promises God has made which establish hope in our lives. Repentance rooted in our understanding of God’s holiness results in our being at peace in our relationship with God. This peace releases joy in our lives that motivates us to join God in His mission to reconcile the world to Himself. We become ambassadors of God's grace.

This Sunday we will consider the role of biblical hospitality in the mission of God. Read the following scripture in preparation: Luke 1; 1 Peter 4:7 - 11.