



# HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

December 11, 2025

## THIS WEEK

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## THE SEASON IS UPON US! PART 2

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

~John 1:1-14

Last week we introduced the Christmas story from John's perspective. He focused on the fact that Jesus is the Word, God who came in the flesh. This is called the incarnation. Hence, Jesus, the promised Messiah is fully God AND full human. Only this God and human person could be perfect, trust in God's plan, and fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament.

John also shared that this Messiah...this God in flesh...was the "true light." There are several metaphors of light in the Bible, but what about the "true light"? John transitions from God creating the world through the Word, who was (and still is), God. Next, John tells the reader that the Word is the light that shines in the darkness.

I love Christmas lights! I've logged many hours of tweaking, hanging, and unhangings lights. Holly and I love driving around and seeing Christmas lights. Some neighborhoods have house after house with really cool Christmas lights. We have

driven through a park that had amazing Christmas lights everywhere you looked.

Our lights are on a timer, set to automatically turn on after 5, and shut off at before morning. Sometimes the timer doesn't work. The beautiful green and red is just a whimper when the lights are left on during the day. Even the most amazing neighborhoods look normal during the day!

John says that life is in Jesus and Jesus is the light of men. Where does he get this idea? Jesus told them very clearly, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (John 8:12)." Jesus.

Here, Jesus shines in the darkness. The world can be a dark place. Sin rules. Evil seems to reign over creation. We stumble in this darkness and see no way out! Jesus, who comes in the midst of this, is brighter and more beautiful than the most amazing Christmas lights in the darkness. Follow the true light in a dark world and shine!

## DECEMBER SERMON SERIES



Join us for our Advent Series:  
*Shout Out for the Messiah!*



The prophet Isaiah gave a *Shout Out for the Messiah* that rocked God's people for centuries. Join us for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, as we step into the sandals of those who longed for the Messiah to save Israel. We will discover what the arrival of the promised Messiah means for us today.

### December 14 Isaiah 35:1-10 *The Way of Holiness*

Although chosen by God, Israel strayed from Him. On their own, they would be exiled from the Holy land.

As a beacon of hope, Isaiah gave a Shout Out for the Messiah who would provide The Way of Holiness for God's people to return to Him.

### December 21 Isaiah 7:10-16 *God with Us*

Ahaz was likely the most corrupt king in the nation of Israel. Nonetheless, Isaiah gave him a Shout Out for the Messiah who would be born of a virgin and therefore would be God with Us. Wait? What?

### December 24 5pm

#### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

#### *Born This Day!*

Luke 2:1-12

Seven hundred years after Isaiah's prophecies, Israel continued to long for the promised Messiah. Finally, heavenly angels gave a Shout Out for the Messiah who would be Born This Day! Amazing!

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

For anyone who is interested in receiving more information regarding membership at One Hope Church, please plan to attend the Pizza with the Pastor event this **Sunday, December 14, after worship**. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Pastor Eric, 913-232-7431.



## 12/14 WORSHIP MUSIC

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#162

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#8

### Angels We Have Heard on High

#191

### Glory (Let There be Peace)

### Take Time to Be Holy

#316

## Hope in Action

KC Outreach Mission



Join us after Church December 21<sup>st</sup> as we provide food, clothing and Hope to those in need.

Not able to attend? You can help by contributing food, clothing or personal care items. Contact Dana, Deann or Bob for details.



# 12/14 VOLUNTEERS

## Fellowship Time - Treats

Laurie K.

### Host

Michelle G.

### Liturgist

Randall S.

### Prayer Group

Earl S.

### Audio

Laurie K.

### Tech - Video

Bob K.



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# PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Philipians 4:6*

## Prayers for:

Bill & Pam F. on the death of Bill's sister, Fern

Nigerian Christians, who have suffered much persecution

Susan H. healing, Carolyn E.'s sister

Kelly, pancreatic cancer, Sheryl A.'s friend

Bill F.'s friend, who has a serious illness

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J.'s mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David P's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

God's guidance as we continue to invite and welcome those seeking Hope in Jesus

God's continued blessings upon the Central Korean GMC

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study | 9:00am

Prayer | 9:45am

Fellowship Time | 10:00am

Sunday Worship | 10:30am

Children's Church | 10:45am

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