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MESSAGE SERIES



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weekend service times

Sat, 5p • Sun, 9&11a

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GOD WITH US

Fri, Dec 23 • 4 & 6p Sat, Dec 24 • 2, 4, 6 & 11p





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**HOPE** 

# The celebration of two holidays

## We need advent...hope

I pray that God, the **source of hope**, will fill you completely with **joy** and **peace** because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with **confident hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

- Hope is not wishful thinking
- Hope..."I don't think I can"

# Hope...in a dark world...light...that gives life

The Word **gave life** to everything that was created, and his **life brought light** to everyone....The one who is the **true light**, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world...God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through **Jesus Christ**. John 1:4-17

#### Dark world

"If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." Isaiah 7:9

Someone may say to you, "Let's ask the mediums...consult the spirits...they will tell us what to do."...People who contradict his word are completely in the dark. Isaiah 8:19-20

We can!!

Can we??

#### Light...God is with me

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:22-23)

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever...The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. Isaiah 9:1-2

## Hope...in a dark world...light...that gives life (cont.)

#### Light that gives life

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: **Wonderful Counselor**, **Mighty God**, **Everlasting Father**, **Prince of Peace**. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice...eternity...the Lord will make this happen! Isaiah 9:6-7

#### Dare to hope

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Lamentations 3:21-22

- In hopeless times God still speaks..."I am with you"
- Jesus is hope

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

• For a child is born to us...a son is given...

But he was **pierced** for our rebellion, **crushed** for our sins. He was **beaten** so we could be whole. He was **whipped** so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord **laid on him the sins of us all**. Isaiah 53:5-6

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The Daily Walk Bible reading for December 4-10: 1 Timothy 4-Hebrews 4