ONLINE SCRIPT – December 4, 2022

HOPE on the Beach Church

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF ONLINE CHURCH.

1. **Be Present.** Treat this time like you went to a house of worship, which is where you are! Try not to hold a side conversation, answer calls, or multi-task. Be with God and His people like always. After all, we believe in the communion of saints!
2. **Worship, don't just watch.** Sing when the leader sings, pray when the pastor prays, say "amen" or "hallelujah" out loud when you hear something that resonates with you.
3. **Interact with God and Each Other.** Feel free to make comments in the thread below the video, ask questions or give a word of praise, or ask for prayer. We will have an online host to help facilitate the comment threads.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (98 Church Campus) Children are starting in Children's Church and will join us for the remainder of worship during announcements.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP SONGS ***"Hope is Here (Joy to the World)"***

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room

Heaven and nature singing
He is our new beginning
Can you hear Hope is here
Joy in a baby's birth Heaven is flooding earth
And God is near Hope is here

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
He comes to make His blessings flow

And the wonders of His love are on display
That the King would come for us
This changes everything

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee O Israel

O come thou day-spring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of all mankind

Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And by Thyself our King of Peace

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel has come
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel has come
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel has come
He has come
He has come

SERMON: **"MISSING PEACE: WHY IS GOD MAKING ME WAIT?"**
Pastor Jason Scheler

…an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Joseph] in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21]She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." [22]All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23]"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). (Matthew 1:20-23 NIV)

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14 NIV)

1. **INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD:** 400-year period after the Old Testament ends and before the New Testament begins.

2. **WHILE YOU ARE WAITING, GOD IS WORKING.**
   But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5]to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. (Galatians 4:4-5 NIV)

   - pleroma chronou—complete, full measure, the perfect time

   But when the time was right … (Galatians 4:4 CEV)

   But when the fullness of time had come … (Galatians 4:4 ESV)

3. **GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT NECESSARILY GOD'S DENIALS.**
   Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. (Isaiah 64:4 NIV)

MEMORY VERSE

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9 NIV)

WHAT IF THE GOD YOU ARE WAITING FOR IS WAITING FOR YOU?

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. Has there ever been a time when you wondered whether God was actually at work in a season of waiting, only to later find out that He was? What happened?

2. It's important to not waste our waiting. What do you think that looks like, practically?

3. Have you been waiting on something? What are some ways you can lean on God and trust what He's doing in the middle of your waiting?

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING:

Give online at www.hopeonthebeach.com
Text to Give at (850) 990-4325
Schedule free bill pay through your local bank.
Mail your tithe/offering to:
Hope on the Beach Church
3834 US Hwy 98 West
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
Drop off an offering on Monday between 10:00am and 2:00pm

NEXT STEPS:

Please fill out a Connection Card online by using this link:
https://hopeonthebeach.breezechms.com/form/ConnectionCard

Follow us on Facebook to find worship, prayers, and devotions all week long. Subscribe to our YouTube channel as well!

Christmas Poinsettias

Help make Hope Worship Services beautiful for Christmas! Please use the form in your worship folder today to donate to our Poinsettia Fund. We need to have your completed forms turned in with the Sunday offering no later than Sunday, December 18th.

Women of Hope Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 6th @ 5:00 pm at Marina Café

All women are welcome to join us for our monthly dinner of fellowship and devotion in a private dining room at Marina Café in Destin. You will partner with someone to enjoy their buy one, get one special. If you would like to carpool, plan to meet at Hope's back parking lot @ 4:00 pm. Please contact Kristie at kristie@hopeonthebeach.com if you plan to attend.

Breakfast on the Beach, Sunday, December 11th @ 9:00 am @ Ed Walline Beach

All attendees are invited to join us for Breakfast on the Beach – Please contact the office at (850) 267-0322 or Kristie at kristie@hopeonthebeach.com if you plan to attend.

Voters' Meeting, Sunday, December 11th @ 12:15 pm @ 98 Church Campus

Please plan to join us to vote on the 2023 Church Budget and to elect the 2023 Council and Elders that were presented at the last meeting.

Youth Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 14th, 5:30—8:00 pm

We invite all youth, grades 6-12, to join us as we celebrate Christmas together. It will be at the Scheler's, 199 Wayne Trail in Santa Rosa Beach. Please notify Kristie at kristie@hopeonthebeach.com if you plan to attend.

Christmas Open House, Friday, December 16th, 4:00—8:00 pm

We invite to join us as we celebrate Christmas together. It will be at the Scheler's, 199 Wayne Trail in Santa Rosa Beach. Drop in anytime between 4-8 pm, Please notify Kristie at kristie@hopeonthebeach.com if you plan to attend.

Women of Hope Monthly Donation:

For the month of December, we will be helping a family in need. Please take an ornament off the Angel Tree at church or ask for one at your worship venue. Please bring all donations with the tag on to church. Due dates vary and are on the ornaments because we are helping a variety of organizations.

For more information and details scan the code or go to our online calendar @ hopeonthebeach.com/events

CONFESSION (98 Church Campus only)

A: Long-awaited Messiah Lord of Hope have mercy. Long-awaited Messiah defender of compassion have mercy. Long-awaited Messiah provider, protector, liberator have mercy. Release us from the chains of this moment, born of imprisoned years the distractions and false calls of those who cannot help. Release us from the blindness to our complicity, frailty, and poverty the apathy keeping us from seeing, speaking, and caring. Release us from the weight of needs stealing our courage to try the slowness of change chipping away at our enduring. Have mercy on us. Finish your good and generous work.

ABSOLUTION (98 Church Campus only)

A: Amen

LORD'S SUPPER (Beach & 98 Church Campus)

BLESSING

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May He look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: AMEN

WORSHIP SONG ***"Go Tell It On the Mountain"***

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light.
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn!
Now I am a seeker, I seek both night and day
I seek the Lord to help me, And He shows me the way

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