



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.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF LIGHT: CHRIST CANDLE

Prophecy Candle: On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ:

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)

This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Bethlehem Candle

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger:

Shepherds Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle," and it represents joy:

Angels Candle

The fourth and last purple candle, often called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christ Candle

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow:

C: "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)

CHOIR MEDLEY

"O Come O Come Emmanuel/O Holy Night/Noel" Medley

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 holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

*Fall on your knees O hear the angel voices
O night divine O night when Christ was born*

*O night Divine O night
O night divine*

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

SERMON

"GOD WITH US: ALWAYS"

Pastor Jason and Vicar Jacob

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). (Matthew 1:18-23)

WHAT IS THE _____?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

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 1:14)

“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live (John 14:15-19 NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ²²All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: ²³“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God with us.’” (Matthew 1:21-23 NLT)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. How did this message change the way you think about the Christmas story? Which part of Jesus’ human experience most impacts you?
2. Jesus went through a lot to be with you. What have you done, or what do you want to do, to make room for Him?
3. Read Matthew 28:19-20. How have you seen Jesus follow through on His promise in verse 20? How will you respond to His command in the coming year?

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!

Removal of the Greens, Tuesday, January 5th @ 1:00 pm

Plan now to help take down our Christmas decorations. Many hands make for light work.

Youth Group, Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30—8:30 pm @ 98 Campus

We are kicking off 2021 with Youth Group, 6th–12th grade! Come and bring some friends. We will provide food, games, and a Bible lesson. For more information contact Bekah or Jacob. Their information is on the back of the bulletin.

Life Group Sign-Up Begins January 10th

Our purpose is to help people connect relationally, grow spiritually, and serve God and others over the next 10 weeks starting January 24th.

Samson Men’s Gathering starting up in January on Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

Each Tuesday, men gather in the Bistro at the 98 Campus for study and fellowship. You can join by Zoom as well. The Zoom Link can be found at hopeonthebeach.com/life-groups.

Indoor Property Cleanup Day, Saturday, January 16th @ 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Plan now for this great opportunity to help take care of our church home. We will be cleaning inside the 98 Campus. Many hands make for light work. If you’re not available that day talk to Tina, 850-420-0601, and she will find some way you can help around your schedule. Please mark your Connection Card how you can help.

Winterfest Luncheon on Wednesday, January 20th @ 11:30 am

Plan now to join us for our annual Winterfest Luncheon where our Hope family enjoys connecting

with returning snowbirds and locals in our community. For more information contact Kristie.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER (98 Campus Only)

CANDLE LIGHTING

SILENT NIGHT – Jessica Sirten Solo on Verse 1; All Join in on Verse 2

“Silent Night”

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth Jesus Lord at Thy birth

BLESSING (98 Campus Only)

WORSHIP SONG

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

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 the Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas Morn'

That blessed Christmas morn*All songs reprinted under our CCLI license number, 2933935.*