



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.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP SONGS

**"Do You Hear What I Hear"**

Said the night wind to the little lamb do you see what I see  
Way up in the sky little lamb do you see what I see  
A star a star dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite with a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy do you hear what I hear  
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy do you hear what I hear  
A song a song high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea with a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king do you know what I know  
In your palace warm mighty king do you know what I know  
A Child a Child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring Him silver and gold let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere listen to what I say  
Pray for peace people everywhere listen to what I say  
The Child the Child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light

***Love Came Down At Christmas***

Love came down at Christmas  
Love incarnate love divine  
Love was born at Christmas  
Star and angels gave the sign

Emmanuel Our God with us  
Emmanuel Our hope our trust

Love shall be our token  
Love be yours and love be mine  
Love to God and neighbor  
Love for plea and gift and sign

Worship we the Godhead  
Worship we the Godhead  
Worship we the Godhead  
Love divine  
Love came down at Christmas

SERMON: **“UNEXPECTED VISITORS”**  
Will Farnham

1. **UNEXPECTED VISITORS SENT BY GOD**

- A. **TO ZECHARIAH.** (Luke 1:11-18)
- B. **TO MARY.** (Luke 1:26-38)
- C. **TO ALL OF US.** (Matthew 26:36-38)

2. **UNEXPECTED DIVINE VISITS CAN BE SCARY.**

... “Do not be afraid, Zechariah...” (Luke 1:13 NIV)

Mary was greatly troubled at his words... (Luke 1:29 NIV)

3. **UNEXPECTED VISITS CAN MESS UP OUR LIVES.**

“And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens...”  
(Luke 1:20 NIV)

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19 NIV)

For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.  
(Matthew 26:38-41 NIV)

4. **UNEXPECTED DIVINE VISITS ARE UNAVOIDABLE, WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT.**

“How can I **be sure** of this? ...” (Luke 1:18 NIV)

“You did not believe my words, which **will** come true at their appointed time.”  
(Luke 1:20 NIV)

“How **will** this be...?” (Luke 1:34 NIV)

“... you do not know on what day your Lord **will** come.” (Matthew 26:42 NIV)

5. **THEY ARE SENT TO COMFORT AND BLESS US AND OTHERS.**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.<sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
(Isaiah 40:1-3 NIV)

**MEMORY VERSE**

And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
(Luke 1:46-47 NIV)

for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant

Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup>to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.” (Luke 1:48-55 NIV)

**6. WE CANNOT BE READY, BUT WE CAN BE PREPARED...**

- A. THROUGH EXPECTANT PRAYER.** (Luke 1:13)
- B. THROUGH AN ATTITUDE OF SERVICE.** (Luke 1:38)
- C. THROUGH GIVING UP PRIDE AND COMPLACENCY.** (Revelation 3:17-18)

**THEN, UNEXPECTED VISITORS CAN BE JOYFULLY WELCOMED.**

**GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME**

1. What are the things about a visit from Jesus you're afraid of?
2. What does Jesus say through the scriptures that can help put away these fears?
3. What are some ways you can be daily preparing your heart for a visit?

**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.**

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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!

**Men of IRON Breakfast, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00—10:30 am at 98 Campus**

All men are invited to our free monthly breakfast. You will enjoy a great time of fellowship and good food. Contact Pat Alexander at (832) 206-6270.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30 am**

Decorating the Lord's house with the family of God is a great way to usher in the Advent season as we prepare for the Lord's coming to earth. Come join the celebration. Please contact the office if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided.

**Women of Hope Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:kristie@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend.

**Breakfast at the Beach, Sun., December 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Ed Walline Pavilion**

Celebrate the holiday season with fellowship after worship on the beach. We will be organizing a Holiday Breakfast at the Pavilion. All attendees are invited. Contact Kristie at [kristie@hopeonthebeach.com](mailto:kristie@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend.

**Voters' Meeting, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kristie@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend.

**Women of Hope Monthly Donation:**

For the month of November, we will be collecting canned goods to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for families in our community. All donations should be brought to the church as soon as possible, so we can get them to Caring & Sharing.



For more information and details scan the code or go to our online calendar  
@ [hopeonthebeach.com/events](http://hopeonthebeach.com/events)

**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”**

*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 silend 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

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