

# Hope is at the Heart of Christmas

Isaiah 9:2–7 // Matthew 1:22–23 // Romans 15:4

Sunday, December 1, 2024 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

## SERMON OUTLINE

### I. THE PRESENCE OF DARKNESS THREATENS

#### OUR HOPE

- A. Brokenness and darkness surrounded Israel due to sin & corruption. (Isa. 9:2–7)
- B. Jesus is the **fulfillment** of prophecy—one born as a light in the darkness and a hope for all people. (Matt. 1:22–23)

### II. GOD'S PRESENCE HAS COME TO GIVE US HOPE

- A. Hope is not the absence of conflict, difficulty, struggle, or trial—it is the **presence** of God.
- B. Seeing God's faithfulness in the past gives us hope in the present and trust for the future. (Rom. 15:4)

### III. AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS IS HOPE

- A. Hope is offered to us through Jesus's arrival in the manger.
- B. Whatever it is you hope for in your lives—healing, restoration, forgiveness, or a fresh start—it is available to you through Immanuel, who is God with us.

## HOW TO APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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## SERMON NOTES

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**NEXT WEEK: Advent Week #2**  
**Peace in the Heart of Christmas**

Luk. 2:8–14 // Col. 1:19–22 // Matt. 5:9