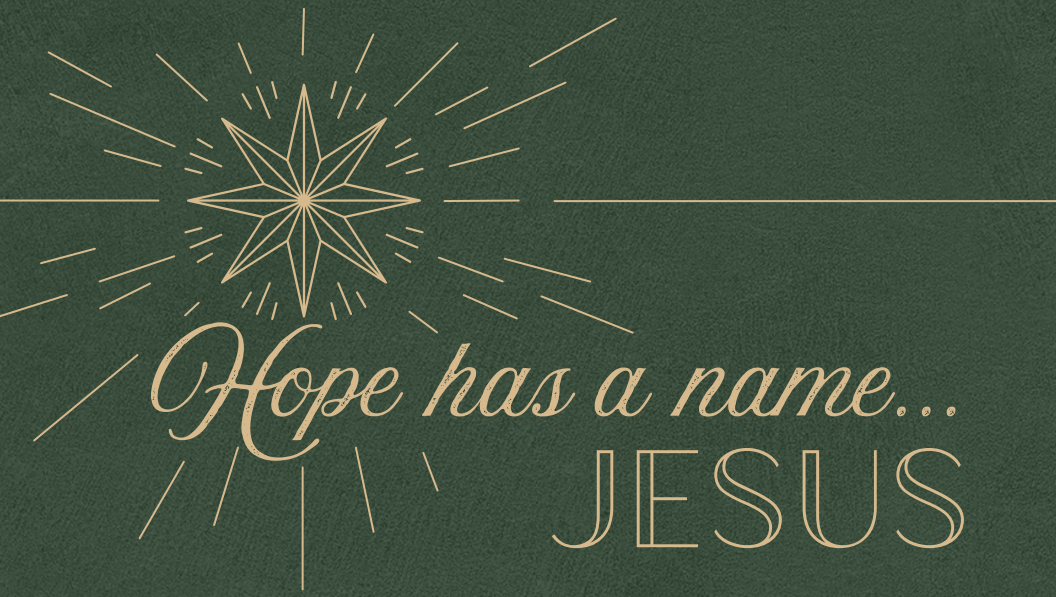

Hope has a name...

JESUS

CROSS & CROWN

ADVENT 2026



"The Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us."

John 1:14

Dear Cross+Crown Family,

Does the world seem darker to you? Does evil seem to be winning, and hope seem to be harder to find than ever before in our lifetime? We are more connected than ever, from a technology point of view, but we feel more alone than ever before. We are more informed of what is going on, not just in our part of the world but everywhere. We are in the know, but the cost of knowing is carrying a weight that we were never supposed to shoulder.

Every catastrophe, every natural disaster, every accident, every act of war, every atrocity. With knowledge comes sorrow, and that sorrow can easily lead to hopelessness and despair. Christmas reminds us that there is hope! A hope that is solid, and a hope that will never disappoint us. The birth of Jesus signified a turn around for the world. A light has dawned. Like a mere glimmer on the horizon announcing that the sunrise is not far off.

Jesus, the Messiah has come, and His miraculous conception, sinless life, substitutionary death, and victorious resurrection fulfilled the hope of the prophets who longed for rescue and redemption. It also proves that God's promises never fail, and it fills us anew with hope for our lives and the expectation of His return to restore all things.

Christmas reminds us that our God becomes a man, that the Holy One draws near to sinners like us, that the Lord of Light steps into darkness, that the Wonderful Counselor comes to the broken and desperate.

In our family we love Christmas traditions. We enjoy celebrating these aspects of the Incarnation made approachable in the season. Advent is one way we help each other slow down, take a breath, and reflect on the season. Advent is the celebration of the arrival of Jesus, the King of Kings, born of a virgin, laid in a manger, worshiped by angels and adored by shepherds and wise men alike.

Advent anticipates Christmas and reminds us of the anticipation of the ancients that God would be true to His promises and send His Messiah. Advent also looks ahead to the sure promise of Jesus, that He would come back for His people, to bring them home and restore all things.

This year our theme for Advent is Hope has a Name: Jesus. The Creator of the Universe has drawn near to us to be our God. He is not ashamed to be called our God (Hebrews 11:16). In this Christmas season we invite you to remember the Hope we have in Jesus!

Biblically, hope is the certain anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promises. And we pray that you would experience this *HOPE* during this Christmas season.

For the Elders of Cross+Crown,
Pastor Matthias

Sermon Schedule

11.29

The Promise of *HOPE*

12.6

The Waiting for *HOPE*

12.13

The Arrival of *HOPE*

12.20

The Return of *HOPE*

12.24

Christmas Eve



Our

HOPE

is in Jesus



The first week of Advent we celebrate that our hope is in Jesus and the promise of His second coming. Hope is an expectation of what is sure or certain. Our hope is fixed on Jesus, our sure and certain Savior.

1 Peter 1:3
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Titus 2:11-14
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Reading Plan

Day 1	Genesis 1:26-31
Day 2	Genesis 3:1-24
Day 3	Genesis 3:15
Day 4	Deuteronomy 18:15-19
Day 5	Isaiah 2:2-5
Day 6	Isaiah 9:2-7
Day 7	Isaiah 7:10-14

LOVE



God **LOVED** us in Jesus

LOVE

so we can **LOVE** him.



The second week of Advent, we celebrate the love of God that was shown to us through the birth of Jesus. We are recipients of God's unending and sacrificial love. He chose to love us and save us by sending Jesus to be our Savior. We also celebrate the love that God has given us by loving others.

1 John 4:12b-16
If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit... So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Colossians 3:14
And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Reading Plan

Day 8	Isaiah 11:1-5
Day 9	Isaiah 19:19-25
Day 10	Isaiah 40:9-11
Day 11	Isaiah 42:1-4
Day 12	Isaiah 49:1-7
Day 13	Isaiah 53:1-12
Day 14	Isaiah 61:1-3

FAITH



We are **SAVED** by

FAITH

in Jesus



During the third week of Advent, we celebrate the faith we have in Jesus. Faith is a gift from God. We rely on faith to move our heart and mind from doubt to belief. God gives faith generously to all who ask.

Hebrews 11:1, 6
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek Him.

1 John 5:4-5
For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Reading Plan

Day 15	Jeremiah 23:5-6
Day 16	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Day 17	Micah 5:2
Day 18	Zephaniah 3:14-17
Day 19	Zechariah 9:9-10
Day 20	Malachi 3
Day 21	Psalm 146

PEACE

Prince of PEACE

When we live in the realm of the Prince of Peace we experience his **PEACE**

This fourth week of Advent we celebrate the peace that is found in Jesus. The Hebrew word 'shalom' is translated as peace. Peace is God's gift of wholeness to his people. Jesus came to bring wholeness to a world that is broken. Jesus restores peace between man and God. Our brokenness is made whole in the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

John 20:21
Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'

Colossians 1:19-20
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Reading Plan

Day 22	Luke 1:1-25
Day 23	Luke 1:26-38
Day 24	Luke 1:39-56
Day 25	Luke 1:57-80
Day 26	Luke 2:1-20
Day 27	Luke 2:21-38



Christmas EVE



CHRISTMAS EVE

Matthew 1:21-23
She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name 'Immanuel' (which means, God with us).

Philemon 1:4-7
I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.


JOY
to the world

O Holy NIGHT

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our 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, O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord, O praise His Name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
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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

Come thou Long **EXPECTED** JESUS

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins, release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the Earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal spirit
Ruling all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come Thou long expected Jesus

Go! TELL  It On The **MOUNTAIN**

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
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 our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn



JOY
to the world

Joy to the world, the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every 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 men 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

O COME

All Ye **FAITHFUL**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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