



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ Sunday December 1, 2024

### “The Gift of Christmas” week 1

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:8-14

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned” Isaiah 9:2

- \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates that \_\_\_\_\_ comes \_\_\_\_\_
- Christian “\_\_\_\_\_” is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

“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

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

- Realize God \_\_\_\_\_ ;
  - Giving you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is not a feeling:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ today

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.” Luke 1:26–38

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19

- Advent is also about \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” Romans 8:24–25

#### Questions to discuss:

1. What are you waiting and hoping for?
2. Do you feel secure in hope or overwhelmed by the storms of life?
3. How can hope for the future help you face with perseverance the challenges of today?
4. What are three things you can do today to focus on praise, gratitude and worship as you patiently wait on God?