



**New Hampton Community Church**  
Message Notes ~ Sunday November 30, 2025

**“Promised Hope”**

**“Christmas: the Whole Story”** Week 1

**Isaiah 9:2, 6**

The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.  
For those who live in a land of deep darkness...

For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

➤ **In darkness or uncertainty,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Malachi 4:5-6**

*“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”*

➤ **God is** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 1:5-15a, 57-60**

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commandments and regulations blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

<sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

<sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. <sup>14</sup> He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

57-60 “When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, <sup>60</sup> but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

➤ **God’s** \_\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions to Ponder**

1. In what ways does waiting on God strengthen our faith and reliance on Him?
2. What can you do and how can you discern what God is preparing in your life, even when it feels like nothing is happening?
3. How can you actively participate in God’s work of “turning hearts” in our families, friendships, or communities this Christmas season?