

**Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church
The Lord’s Day, November 28, 2021**

First Sunday in Advent: HOPE
But now Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude

B.J. Lyle

Welcome

Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Hope Advent Candle

Bill and Renee’ Sexton

Today we light the first candle in the Advent Wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. May we receive the Light of God’s Word into our hearts this day.

Hear the Word of the LORD:

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

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, as we meditate on the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your Word helps us to shine brighter in this hopeless and spiritually dark world. Fill our hearts with hope as we look with great anticipation for the return of our Lord and Savior. We ask this in the precious name your son Jesus, Amen.

Praise Songs

“Here I Am Lord” “Isn’t He?”

Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pastor Paul

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music

“Come, Emmanuel”

Choir

Hymn #245

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
vv. 1,2,4**

Sermon

Return to Hope

Pastor Paul

Scriptures: 2 Cor. 1:8-11a, 4:8-17; 1 John 4:9-18; John 9:5; Is. 9:2-6; Luke 2:25-32; Is. 40:1-5; Ps. 39:1-7; Is. 40:8-11; John 6:35-40, 14: 1-4, 26-27; Ps. 42:5; Matt 1:20,21; 28:20, Acts 1:11

Closing Hymn #244

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
vv. 1,2**

“Hope on, hope ever” by Charles Spurgeon

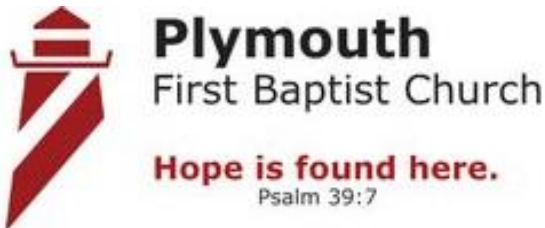
“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” –1 Peter 5:7

“It is a happy way of soothing sorrow when we can feel—‘HE careth for me.’ Christian! Do not dishonor religion by always wearing a brow of care. Come, cast your burden upon your Lord. You are staggering beneath a weight which your Father would not feel. What seems to you a crushing burden, would be to Him but as the small dust of the balance. Nothing is so sweet as to: ‘Lie passive in God’s hands and know no will but His.’

O child of suffering, be thou patient. God has not passed thee over in His providence. He who is the feeder of sparrows, will also furnish you with what you need. Sit not down in despair. Hope *on*, hope *ever*. Take up the arms of faith against a sea of trouble, and your opposition shall yet end your distresses. There is One who careth for you. His eye is fixed on you, His heart beats with pity for your woe, and His hand omnipotent shall yet bring you the needed help. The darkest cloud shall scatter itself in showers of mercy. The blackest gloom shall give place to the morning. He, if thou art one of His family, will bind up thy wounds, and heal thy broken heart.

Doubt not His grace because of thy tribulation, but believe that He loveth thee as much in seasons of trouble as in times of happiness. What a serene and quiet life might you lead if you would leave providing to the God of providence! With a little oil in the cruse, and a handful of meal in the barrel, Elijah outlived the famine, and you will do the same. If God cares for you, why need you care too? Can you trust Him for your soul, and not for your body? He has never refused to bear your burdens, He has never fainted under their weight. Come, then, soul! Have done with fretful care, and leave all thy concerns in the hand of a gracious God.”

–Charles Spurgeon, “January 6 — Morning” in *Morning and Evening*
(Geanies House, Fearn, Scotland, UK: Christian Focus, 1994), 20.



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