

Christmas Outside the Box: Hope

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Luke 2:8-15 (NIV) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 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." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT) If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!

Proverbs 14:31 (NLT) Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors him.

Luke 4:18 (NIV) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

John 10:10b (NIV) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 John 3:5 (NLT) And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT) God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

John 15:13 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

What is God saying to me through this message?

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Service Times:
Saturday
4:30 & 6:15 p.m.
(No Services on
Dec. 26)
Sunday
9 & 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday Prayer
In Chapel, 7-8 p.m.

Capstone Cafe &
Bookstore Hours
Christmas Eve
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed 12/25 and
12/26

GUEST INFORMATION

We're Glad You're Here

Thanks for joining us today. We hope you feel comfortable and connected. You can be confident that we will give you as much time as you need to get to know us better. Our hope is that your experience here is meaningful.

Name Tags

We wear them because there are a lot of us. If you'd like one, just fill out a request at our Info Counter in the lobby.

Media

We record our services and may use them for commercial purposes. Also, any music and/or media we use in a service is for illustrative purposes only and is not an endorsement of any artist, musical group, film or television program.

Attention Parents

We have a fully-staffed children's ministry for newborn to 5th grade in every service. If your child is with you and becomes disruptive, please be considerate and take the child out of the service. We have a Parents Room (M104) with toys where you can listen to the service. We also have a room for nursing mothers (M102). Both rooms are located right inside Studio 6.7.

Communion

Communion will be offered in the Chapel after each Christmas Eve service.

No Services on Dec. 26

There will be no weekend worship services on Saturday, Dec. 26. Regular Sunday service times will be held on Dec. 27.

We encourage you to take time with your loved ones this Christmas Day to read aloud the biblical account of Jesus' birth. After the reading, take time to talk about what these words mean to you. Then, simply close with prayer. Northview wishes you a very Merry Christmas!

LUKE 2:1-20

1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire,² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.⁵ He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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