



# HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

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## Peace on Earth, but Still Stressed!

Pastor Eric [pastoreric@onehopekc.org](mailto:pastoreric@onehopekc.org) (*reach out if you need anything!*)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house and line of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:26-33

Let's just call out the elephant in the room: Christmas can be stressful! We need to buy presents and make sure they are shipped in time OR go fight the crowds. One of our favorite places to shop is Scheel's, but finding a spot in the parking lot is almost impossible this time of year! Last year we had to walk from a lot north of their huge lot. Once inside, it's like going to the ballpark with people everywhere. The Legos Collin wanted were out of stock by December! It's fun, but stressful!

If it's not the shopping, there is decorating and cleaning for Christmas visitors. With each ornament, I think of carefully repacking them so they don't break! If you are traveling, getting everyone ready and coordinating with family members can be a challenge. If you have a pet, do you bring them or find a puppy hotel? God's speed if you haven't booked that already!!

Let's put all this in perspective. No mother had more to ponder before Christmas than Mary. Being faithful to her religion, family and customs, Mary is preparing for a wedding. That sounds pretty stressful. On top of that, she was likely only a teenager....anxiety comes with this teenage territory. She was about ready to leave her home to marry a man, trusting her father's approval, but not even knowing Joseph well.

Gabriel say "Do not be afraid, Mary..." Easy for you to say! Mary had so much on her plate already. Now if she was going to carry a child, how would the man she barely knew react? He would likely leave her and then NO ONE would ever marry her. He also may have her stoned. Suddenly, facing the Scheel's crowd is a walk in the park.

Gabriel assured Mary that she was highly favored; God was with her. You, too, are favored and God is with you. Remember, this child came for you.

# DECEMBER SERMON SERIES



# MY THREE FAVORITE HYMNS

We'd like to know your top three favorite hymns for worship. Take a moment to call [\[913-232-7431\]](tel:913-232-7431) or send an email to [Pastor Eric](#) with the hymn titles that you love to sing. Feel free to use a hymnal on Sunday to find your favorites.



# WORSHIP SONGS

## Opening Song

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

Hymn #162

## Worship Song

[God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen](#)

Hymn #198

## Song of Response

[Amazing Grace](#)

[\(My Chains](#)

[Are Gone\)](#)

Hymn #574



Access the sign up for [Sunday Volunteers!](#)

Click [missed a sermon](#) to hear any sermon from the One Hope archives!

Click the link below to sign up for a **Hope Builders group**.

[Hope Builders interest form](#)

## PRELIMINARY BOOK OF DOCTRINES & DISCIPLINES

We are excited to share that the preliminary version of The Book of Doctrines and Disciplines is now available in English on the Global Methodist Church [website](#). This resource provides essential guidance for our church and is being released in response to the immediate need for planning [purposes](#).

*We want to clarify that this is not the final version.*

Additional sections, including historical information and an index, are still being compiled and should be available soon. We anticipate having the final version ready next week, along with the revised Judicial Practices and Procedures.

Translations into the other official languages of the Global Methodist Church will occur once revisions have been concluded. Once complete, these translations will be uploaded to the website, ensuring accessibility for our global community.

While the Book of Doctrine and Discipline will not officially take effect until January 1, 2025, its preliminary release marks an important milestone as we continue to build a denomination centered on Christ and His mission.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Journal Committee for their dedication and hard work on this important resource. Their efforts reflect the Lord's continued movement among us and our collective commitment to spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

Visit our [website](#) to access the English version today. Stay tuned for the final version with added features, coming soon!

## PICNIC IN THE PARK OUTREACH MISSION

We are beginning a new homeless outreach mission to reach the less fortunate in the Kansas City area. Our church has teamed up with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department Homeless Unit to set up a monthly outreach to help feed and clothe those in desperate need. Beginning December 15, and the third Sunday of each month thereafter, we will be leaving the church after worship service and going to [Shawnee Park, 7th and Shawnee, Kansas City, KS](#). There we will set up our tent, plant our flag, and prepare a hot meal for anyone who is there to join us.



We will look to minister to these people, as well as feed their bodies. 1 Peter 3:15 says, *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* Our one hope is in Jesus. Let's work together to spread his light and love to those who need it most. You don't have to go to participate. We will be collecting hats, gloves, socks, coats, and blankets to give to those in need. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for needed food and drink items for the meal.

# 12/08 VOLUNTEERS

**Clean Up**  
Earl E.

**Fellowship - Coffee**  
Randall S.

**Fellowship - Treats**  
Lisa S.

**Prayer Group**  
Earl S., Randall S.

**Music**  
Christian C., Lisa S.

**Tech - Audio**  
Laurie K.

**Tech - Video**  
Bob K.



# PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”  
~ Philippians 4:6*

**Prayers for:**

Earl S., laparoscopic hernia surgery on 12/12

Joanna G., doing better, kidney stone may have passed, and pregnant

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, back home doing PT for broken wrist, procedures for kidney issues, Sheryl A.’s mom

Healing for all who are struggling with allergies or illness

For those in transition... new living situations, jobs

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am  
Worship | 9:00am  
Children | 9:15am  
Fellowship | 9:50am  
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