



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

December 26, 2024

THIS WEEK

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The New Command for the New Year

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BELOVED, I AM WRITING YOU NO NEW COMMANDMENT, BUT AN OLD COMMANDMENT THAT YOU HAD FROM THE BEGINNING. THE OLD COMMANDMENT IS THE WORD THAT YOU HAVE HEARD. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS A NEW COMMANDMENT THAT I AM WRITING TO YOU, WHICH IS TRUE IN HIM AND IN YOU, BECAUSE THE DARKNESS IS PASSING AWAY AND THE TRUE LIGHT IS ALREADY SHINING. WHOEVER SAYS HE IS IN THE LIGHT AND HATES HIS BROTHER IS STILL IN DARKNESS. WHOEVER LOVES HIS BROTHER ABIDES IN THE LIGHT, AND IN HIM THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR STUMBLING. BUT WHOEVER HATES HIS BROTHER IS IN THE DARKNESS AND WALKS IN THE DARKNESS, AND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS GOING, BECAUSE THE DARKNESS HAS BLINDED HIS EYES.

1 JOHN 2:7-11

Christmas is such a blessing. Celebrating the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God NEVER gets old! I love my view from the front as the candlelight spreads around the sanctuary. As we sing Silent Night, the nostalgia of holding a candle at each Christmas Eve worship service since I was a child kicks in. Some traditions are good and holy and powerful.

Now we quickly turn the page from the Advent Season and Christmas to a New Year. As we prepare to ring in 2025, we will have to make a conscious effort to write the correct date, at least in January. Sometimes change is tough! Don't worry, it's much easier than turning the calendar from 1999 to 2000. No matter the challenge, we have to adapt to this change!

John is challenging the church to adapt to something new. At the last supper, Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment, to love one another. For Jesus, this command was a priority!

Like transitioning from December to January, the New Commandment is challenging. After five decades, plus, the church still needed a reminder. John puts it like this: "Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling (1 John 2:10). Walking in the light of the Lord empowers the church to love one another. The first century church needed to embrace this New Commandment.

As we approach 2025, I offer this New Command from two thousand years ago: "Love one another." Following this closely makes it new. Take some time in December to read John 13 and the book of 1 John. Ask God how you can make this New Command your 2025 resolution. How can I love better? How can I walk in the light even when someone steps on my toes? How can One Hope be known as the church that loves one another no matter what? God bless your 2025!

JANUARY SERMON SERIES



Hello God...How Can I Know It's Really You?

Are you real? Do you hear us? The world can be confusing. Religion can be confusing. Everyone seems to have an opinion about God. How can we know what is Good News and what is just fake news? How can we recognize God and experience God? Our first series of 2025 will dive right into the heart of the difficulties many have with trusting God today. Join us beginning January 12 as we walk through 1 John 4 and 5 to tackle some difficult questions about knowing God. John helps us filter out the rumors to discover the God who loves us, who is real, and who is present.

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- 1/12/2025 – 1 John 4:1-6, *Truth vs. Lies*
- 1/19/2025 – 1 John 4:7-11, *Love Like God*
- 1/26/2025 – 1 John 4:12-15, *Presence of God*
- 2/9/2025 – 1 John 4:16-21, *Love vs. Fear*
- 2/16/2025 – 1 John 5:1-5, *Overcome the World*
- 2/23/2025 – 1 John 5:6-13, *Believing God*
- 3/2/2025 – 1 John 5:14-21, *What We Can Know*



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

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Hope Builders interest form

WORSHIP SONGS

We will sing some Christmas favorites on December 29.



12/29 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Earl S.

Prayer Group

Earl S., Randall S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Earl S.

Music

Christian C.
Monica C.

Tech - Audio

Laurie K.

Tech - Video

Bob K.

PICNIC IN THE PARK OUTREACH MISSION

On December 15 following the service, One Hope Church volunteers collected donated items and traveled to Kansas City, Kansas where we set up a “camp” to help feed and clothe those in need. There were 14 One Hope Church volunteers. The Holy Spirit was moving, as everyone took some responsibility and started preparing the chili and hotdogs. By 12:30 as the team was leaving, 25 people had been served food, water, clothing, and Christlike love. We look forward to the next chance to serve in January!



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:

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

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.’s mom

Healing for all who are struggling with allergies, illness, and/or seasonal stress

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
- Youth | e-mail for info

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