

## Calendar for this week

### Today

9:15 am Bible Study Classes *via Zoom*  
 10:30 am Morning Worship *live and online*

### Wednesday

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study in recess

### Saturday

8:00 am Ladies Acct. Group *via Zoom*

## Announcements, etc.

### Adopt-a-Family

We have received our family information for ten children and five adults. The gift tags are up on the foyer bulletin board. If you are in attendance you may select gift tags after the worship service, if you are worshipping online, you may need to drop by the church during the week and pick your tags. Gifts should be purchased, wrapped, and returned to the church office by Wed., Dec. 16. We will deliver the gifts to our two families starting at 7:00p on Thur., Dec. 17.

The Advent journey:  
**Hope** becomes peace.  
**Peace** becomes joy.  
**Joy** becomes love.  
**Love** becomes **Christ**.

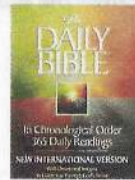
### Advent

Today begins the four Sundays of **Advent**, leading up to Christmas Eve. Today's theme is **HOPE** – apropos for our present situation. Aside from our physical conditions, Christ is the only hope for our spiritual well-being.

### Deacons

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 Robert Murphy ..... 564-2526  
 Jack Rader ..... 776-1974

### Bible Readers in 2020



This week you will finish reading 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, followed by the beginning of Paul's third Missionary journey. Then comes 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians and the start of the letter to the Romans. Another jam-packed week in the scriptures. Enjoy.

### International Missions

This Sunday also begins our emphasis on international missions and our gifts (called the **Lottie Moon Offering**) toward that end. The mission emphasis will be for three Sundays, but you may give to the offering throughout December. We ask you to join with our church in prayer concerning the lost of our world and what God is leading you to give to reach them. This is one of the ways we have of letting the world know of the **HOPE** fulfilled in birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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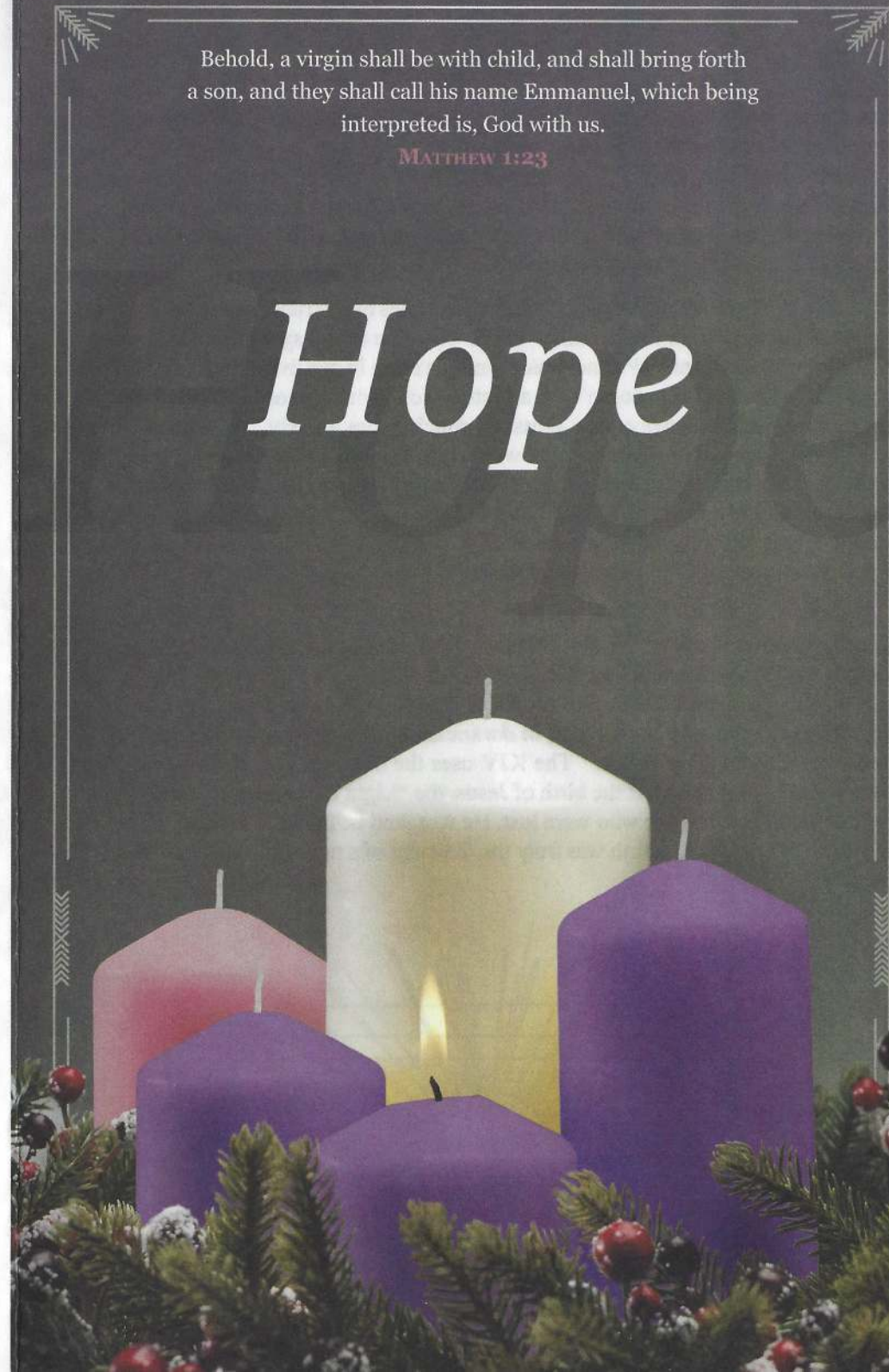
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Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

MATTHEW 1:23

# Hope

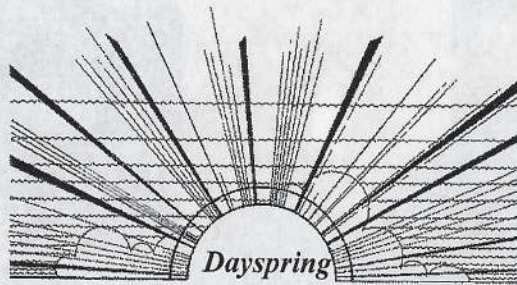


## Christian Symbols

First, and most important, symbols stand for something, but they *are not* the thing itself. Symbols are used to enable us to give expression to ideas or things which are difficult to describe in words. They also become a kind of “short hand” for the actual object or event. Symbols are different from pictures; for example, you have seen many pictures portraying the last supper with Jesus and the disciples gathered around the table, but a symbol of the last supper might be a chalice, bread, or grapes.

In general, symbols are made to look plain, sometimes even crude, rather than beautiful so as to not detract from the meaning— in this case, the object symbolized is important, but the artist’s skill is not. We encounter symbols often in our lives. As an example, the “pedestrian crossing” sign doesn’t use an actual picture of a person, but, rather, a simple stick figure which conveys the message much more clearly. Of course, in our technological age we are all acquainted with icons (symbols) on our phones, computers, and in our cars. In the past, many evangelicals utterly rejected any Christian symbolism because of the apparent misuse by some church groups. There is a danger that the symbol might become more important than what it symbolizes. However, viewed correctly, symbols are an important means of conveying knowledge in a very clear, concise, and unique manner.

An appropriate symbol for the first Sunday of Advent is “**the sunrise**” in reference to Luke 1:78, 79, where, quoting Isaiah 9:2 and speaking of Jesus, the writer says, “...because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the **rising sun** will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” The KJV uses the old, and very descriptive, word, “**dayspring**” for sunrise. At the birth of Jesus, the “Light of the World” came into His world to bring life to those who were lost. He was, and is, the **HOPE** of all who live in the shadow of death. His birth was truly the dawning of a new age – the “**Son-rise**,” as it were!



Our church’s Christmas tree is decorated with a number of Christian symbols. If you get a chance you might look at them. Children are often interested in them since they are shown more or less on their level of artistic ability and understanding.



Welcome to  
the Morning Worship of the  
College Heights Baptist Church  
on the twenty-ninth of November, 2020

**The First Sunday of Advent: HOPE**

Service begins at 10:30 AM

And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will **hope** in him.”  
Romans 15:12

**Prelude with Announcements**

**Christmas Video**

**Music** “Blessed Be Your Name”

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lentz Upshaw**

**Scripture & Prayer** Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:5-10

**Music** “Give Thanks”  
“Jesus, Thank You”

**Mission Video** “Day 1, Mission On and Off the Streets”

**Message** “**God with us**”  
(Matthew 1:22, 23) **Lentz Upshaw**

**Response** “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

**Benediction** 2 Corinthians 13:14

**Postlude**

He was created of a mother whom He created.  
He was carried by hands that He formed.  
He cried in the manger in wordless infancy.  
He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.

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