

WINDOWS INTO CHRISTMAS:

“Great Expectations”

Luke 2:1-5 (pg. 724)

I. Christmas Expectations for Mary and Joseph.

Little did Joseph know that God had _____ the Roman Emperor in His great plan of salvation -- using this pagan ruler to _____.

II. Christmas Expectations Today.

A. Human Expectations Can Result in Great _____.

B. Godly Expectations Will Result in Great _____.

1. When We _____ with _____.

2. When We _____ with _____.

Anticipating Jesus’ second coming should _____ our hearts and _____ our lives.





First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Welcome to Worship at Hope!

We are so grateful to have you with us in worship today! If you are visiting, please leave your information in the Fellowship Pad (located at the outside of each aisle) so we can further connect with you!

God Meets Us in Our Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

*Song: #271 **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

*Song: #245 **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

Announcements

Prayer

Children’s Gathering

Children: The Lord be with you as you worship and learn.

Adults: And also with you.

(Following the blessing, the 2 & 3 yr. olds are dismissed to Nursery; 4 yr. olds are dismissed to Children and Worship.)

†Offertory Prayer, Offering

(The offerings will be for our General/Mission Fund and Mortgage Retirement Fund. Please remember to pass and sign the Fellowship Pads found at the outside aisle.)

† To ensure that your donation is included in your annual giving report, please use the numbered envelopes issued to you/your family.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Sermon Series: “Windows into Christmas”

Message Title: “Great Expectations”

Text: Luke 2:1-5 (pg. 724)

Prayer of Blessing

*Song of Response: #244 **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

All those who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and have received baptism in a Christian church are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Gluten free bread is available in each tray of bread distributed by the Elders, located in self contained plastic bags. During the distribution of the bread and cup, music will be played on our behalf.

God Sends Us Out

*Blessing

*Doxology: #247 **“Let’s Worship and Adore Him”**

Postlude

Worship Leaders

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Connie Schlukebir</i>
<i>Piano</i>	<i>Sara Poehlman</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Rev. Kevin Sanders</i>
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	<i>Shayne Stolk</i>
<i>Message</i>	<i>Rev. Dan Jongsma</i>

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