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COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 6, 2020

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30AM | 11:30AM

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF PRAISE

Ben Clement

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

2nd Service: Beth Kwon

3rd Service: Mona Hwang

MESSAGE

A Thrill of Hope, Part 1

“The Silence of Christmas”

Matthew 1:18-2:25

Pastor Ben Tabbal

SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Ben Tabbal

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A THRILL
the weary of old rejoices
HOPE

HOW CHRISTMAS GIVES US HOPE
DURING THE DARK SEASON OF COVID

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Feed Brea Holiday Edition | Dec. 19

We will be hosting one more special Feed Brea event on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Our hope is to love and care for our city by providing food for families for Christmas. If you would like to come volunteer for this event, please sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feed-brea-holiday-edition-tickets-128565096665>

2. Christmas Eve Service | Dec. 24

Mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Eve Service on December 24 (Thursday) at 7:00 - 8:00PM. It will be a worshipful, safe, candle-lit service for the whole family. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-hopes-candlelit-christmas-eve-service-tickets-131564893137>

3. LHCC Elder and Deacon Nominations

Here are the nominations for Living Hope Community Church's servant leader Elders and Deacons for the term starting 2021. The church members will vote on these nominees on Sunday, December 13, 2020. View here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1imGADHbTQ6eG581LTijBKjdG_ptpziXLyhObkYoodew/edit

For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.livinghopecc.org/announcements>.

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SERMON NOTES

A Thrill of Hope, Part 1

“The Silence of Christmas”

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1. If God is not absent when he is silent, what is God doing in the silence?

God preparing us to see him more _____.

- _____ Shifts
- _____ Shifts
- _____ Shifts
- _____ Shifts
- _____ Shifts

2. What is the purpose(s) for God’s silence?

When God is silent, he is being _____ to us so we can build our _____.

Spiritual Health Check:

- Reveal _____
- Worship with _____
- Find _____
- Read His _____ and communicate to Him _____
- Time to _____

3. How do we take advantage of this time of silence?

Learn to move _____ pursuing the divine.

The most valuable thing to God is our _____ & _____ directed toward Him.



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CELL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET-TO-KNOW

1. If you could have one wish for Christmas, what would you ask for?

FROM THE SERMON

Read Matthew 1:18-2:23

2. Who were some of the main characters at the 'first' Christmas? What are some of the things happening?
3. The prophecies that were being fulfilled were after a long 400 years of silence of God. How would you have felt if you were one of the characters hearing about Jesus' arrival?
4. The 400 years leading to Jesus' birth was a long silence of God but what was God doing in the background? The sermon brought up some historical shifts in the world. How did this prepare for Jesus' birth and ultimately allow for his story (The Gospel) to spread around the world?
5. Many times, we can feel like God is silent with us. List the purpose(s) mentioned in the sermon. Are there others we could add to the list?
6. The wisemen brought gifts but the ultimate gift is giving our time and attending to what God is doing. What can we do today to bring hope to 1) ourselves, 2) to others, during this season leading up to Christmas?

BEYOND THE SERMON

7. This past year has been a mix of calms and storms
 - How has it been for you?
 - How have you been doing in your spiritual walk as a Christian?
 - Where has God been during this time of the season?



DECEMBER 24TH | 7:00PM - 8:00PM