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COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 6, 2020

### LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30AM | 11:30AM

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### PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

### SONGS OF PRAISE

**Ben Clement** 

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

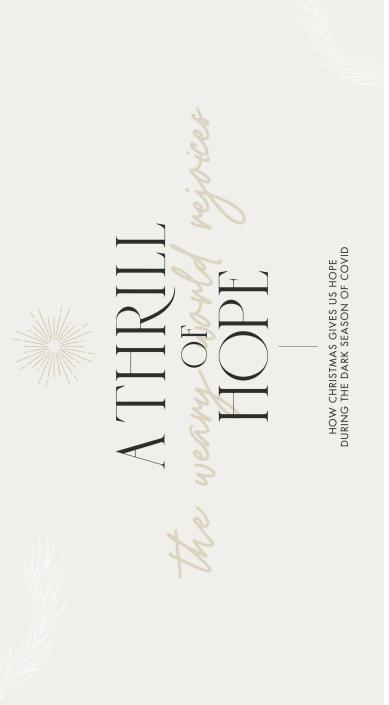
2nd Service: Beth Kwon 3rd Service: Mona Hwang

### MESSAGE

A Thrill of Hope, Part 1 "The Silence of Christmas" Matthew 1:18-2:25 Pastor Ben Tabbal

### SONGS OF REFLECTION AND OFFERING

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### **MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Ben Tabbal

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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-holidayedition-tickets-128565096665

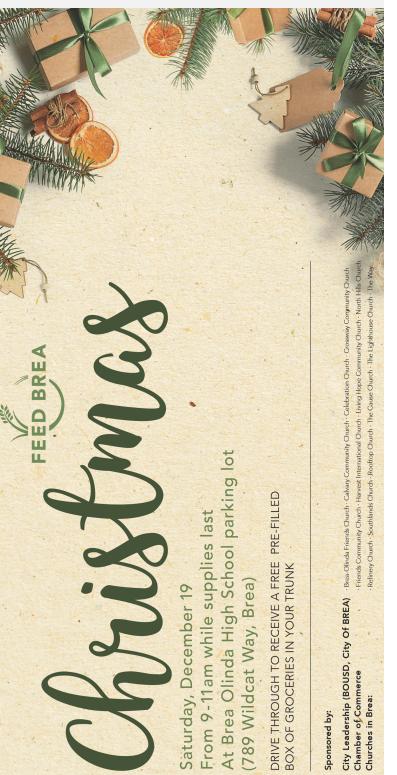
### 2. Christmas Eve Service | Dec. 24

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-hopescandlelit-christmas-eve-service-tickets-<u>1315648</u>93137

### 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/1imGADHbT Q6eG581LTijBKjdG 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" Matthew 1:18-2:25 Pastor Ben Tabbal

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

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. No De De De

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### CELL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

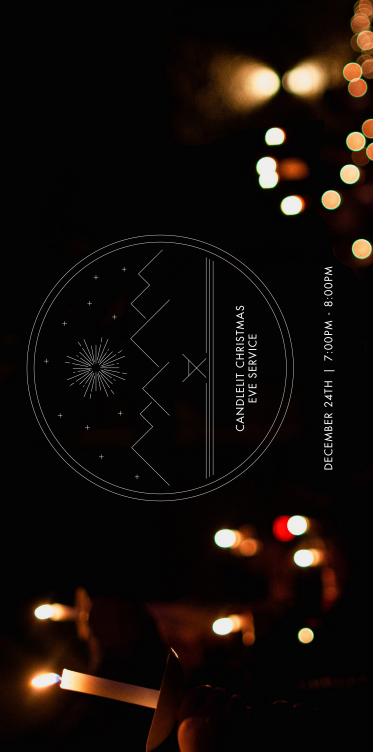
### **GET-TO-KNOW**

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**

- 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?