

# **THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

November 27, 2016

Our hope is rooted in the promises of God and His faithfulness. The Bible is full of the promises of God. As we begin the Advent season today, of this we can be sure, that God has made many gracious promises to His children. He has kept these promises, and He plans to continue keeping each and every one of them.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 39:7 speaks of our hope being in God.

Matthew 1:21 speaks of Christ Saving His people from their sins and holds tremendous hope

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SONGS ABOUT HOPE**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel performed by Pentatonix - <http://bit.ly/2fF8vfS>

Welcome to Our World performed by Michael W. Smith - <http://bit.ly/2fQZQrk>

### **CLOSING SCRIPTURE**

1 Peter 1:3-7 is the hope we have in eternity that has only been made possible through our relationship with Him and His promise of salvation.

Bethlehem is a sort of beginning of our hope in Christ, that we see foreshadowed throughout the Old Testament.. Wherever you find yourself this Christmas season, know that there is hope to be found in Jesus Christ. His birth was the fulfillment of hundreds of prophecies. He is faithful and true, and in that, there is tremendous hope.

## NATIVITY ORNAMENT

Today's ornament is the wise men. Though they arrived much later than Christmas morning, the star they followed is mentioned in Numbers. We also do not know exactly how many wise men there were, but have depicted the traditional three wise men.

Wise men Ornament - <http://bit.ly/2fQZQrk>

Advent Nativity Set from SoMuchMoore.net

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