

## Hope

His past promises

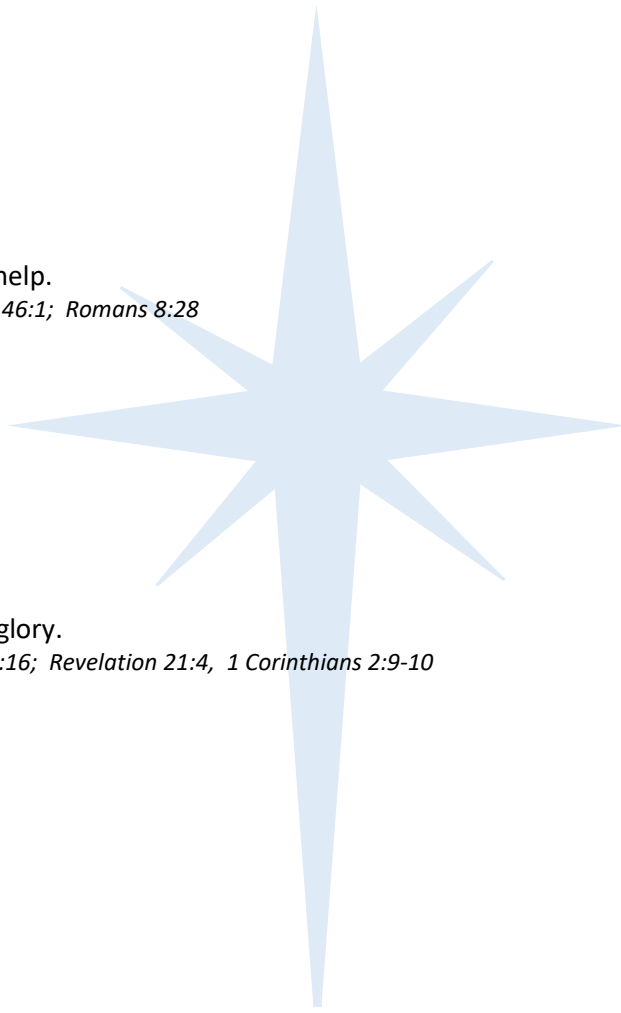
*Romans 8:28; Hebrews 6:17-20; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14*

He is our present help.

*Psalms 62:5-6; Psalm 46:1; Romans 8:28*

We have a future glory.

*1 Peter 1:3-4; John 3:16; Revelation 21:4, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10*



### Considerations for the week

**Storms.** Sometimes life is fair-weather sailing and sometimes stormy. Describe a time when someone withstood difficult times by trusting in the hope of Jesus Christ.

**Unique hope.** How does hope in Christ challenge cultural definitions of success, security, happiness?

**An anchor.** Consider and comment upon how the characteristics of an anchor are analogous to hope in God. See Hebrews 6:19 and Psalm 42:5. How does hope stabilize us in seasons of suffering?

**Waiting.** “For in this hope we were saved” (Romans 8:22-25). What does Paul mean? See also Hebrews 11:1.

**Power.** In practical terms, what does it mean to “overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

**Help.** Think back upon a time when words or actions were encouragement for the discouraged – helping another to hope in God. How can we discern ways to help those in need?

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and  
shall call his name Immanuel. — Isaiah 7:14, ESV**

Scripture read today  
during worship:

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 1:16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

### Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

**Rice Temple Baptist Church**

## Today's order of service

Prelude, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Lighting of Advent candle

Hymn 123, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 12

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*

Hymn 148, *O Holy Night*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Hope Has a Name*

Message

Hymn of response 147

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Benediction

Postlude, *Joy Has Dawned*

## Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational  
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm  
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.  
Meets this week, December 6

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

**Jingle Bell Express** Volunteers are needed Dec. 9-13 to sort and assemble and distribute donations to Christian Community Service Center.

  
online giving



## Seafarers Christmas boxes

We're collecting and assembling gift boxes with essentials.  
Supplies and shoe boxes are needed by December 19.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.