

ADVENT: THE GIFT OF HOPE

As preached on Sunday, November 28th

Read: Isaiah 9:1-7

1. A true practice of Advent changes the Christmas holiday into an entire season for the Christian. How do you plan to observe the Advent season in the weeks ahead?
2. Isaiah uses the word “nevertheless” in v.1. Why is this significant? What is beautiful about his use of this word here? Do you think it would apply well in our world today?
3. In v.2 the coming Messiah is referred to as a light of hope. In what ways would this Savior provide light for the entire world?
4. In v.6 this gift of hope is given four additional names. What are they? Which is the most meaningful for you? Why?
5. In v.7 a reign of hope is described. In what way is the Messiah’s increasing government good news for the people? What would this increase look like in your life?
6. What is the “prophetic perfect”? Why do you think Isaiah uses it in v.2?
7. In what ways does a trust in the prophetic perfect apply to our celebration of Advent and Christmas in 2021?