

## Series Overview

Christmas is a season of hope, peace, love and joy. It's a season of gratefulness as we celebrate the birth of king Jesus, our saviour. But is this our lived reality? Often the Christmas season is busy, stressful and chaotic. The stress of finances, family challenges, the loss of a loved one. Christmas can often be the opposite of what we are told it should be. Even worse our culture drives the stress through marketing and corporate greed. So how do we find hope, peace, love and joy in a season that has been hijacked by other things? In Isaiah chapter 9 we are given the answer to this question. Over this Christmas season we are going to explore the prophetic message of hope given by the prophet Isaiah. A message of hope that can help us see the light even in the midst of darkness. As the classic Christmas song "O Holy Night" says "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices". We can rejoice even in the midst of our weariness!

# The Promise of Hope

#### December 1, 2024 | Isaiah 9:1-2

In times of darkness, the promise of Christ being the light gives hope and renews our spirits, demonstrating that even the deepest valleys can lead to the brightest experiences of joy and salvation through Him.

## Notes

### Featured Events at WMB

**Christmas at WMB:** Christmas is right around the corner and there are many ways to be involved and serve at WMB during the Christmas season! Visit wmbchurch.ca/christmas to find out more information on our Christmas Eve services, Advent readings, service and giving opportunities, and Christmas ministry events!

**Blue Christmas:** Join us on Sunday, December 8 from 4-5PM at our Kitchener Site for our annual Blue Christmas service. This is a service that offers hope to people in our church family and community who are experiencing grief, and for whom this Christmas season may not be full of joy. If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, a relationship, unrealized dreams, failing health, or experiencing a difficult transition, we invite you to attend this time of music, prayer, story and support.

#### Looking to Get Connected?

If you have questions, want to see all upcoming events or to get involved at WMB visit our Welcome Desk in the foyer, visit wmbchurch.ca, or scan the QR code!

