

WELCOME TO NEW HOPE CHURCH

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



GIVE ONLINE

NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

The Café

Sundays, 8:30-10:30am, lower level. Breakfast available for purchase. Free coffee and tea.

Advent 2023: *Weary World, Rejoice*

December 3-24. Despite the darkness and despair that pervades the world, we are called to rejoice. God's presence in Christ brings hope and this good news is for all people and is the power that overcomes sin, shame and gloom. Let's embrace the hope of Christ together and let His light dispel the darkness. Rejoice! Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/messages.

Next Gen Respite Event

Saturday, December 9, 2:30-5:30pm, NHC. Have a child with special needs? Enjoy a night out—we've got your kids covered! For your child and their siblings (18 & under). Cost: \$5. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Christmas Tree Jubilee

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30-6:15pm (dinner), 6:30-8pm (jubilee). Enjoy a meal together and celebrate Christmas through worship and small group activities. Dinner: Cost: \$8 (\$4/10 & under)—proceeds support Student Ministry. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Need Prayer?

Submit prayer requests to epayer@newhopechurchmn.org or 763-533-2449. Confidential in-person prayer available in the Prayer Room on Sunday mornings.

Ways to Give

Thank you for your generous giving to New Hope Church. You can give online at newhopechurchmn.org/give, through the NHC App or text "newhopechurch" to 833-421-8615.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 3, 2023

WEARY WORLD, REJOICE: LONGING

Isaiah 7:14

1. Read Isaiah 7:1–17. What is the text talking about? What is the “sign” spoken of and why does it matter? See Matthew 1:18–25 for additional insight.
2. Carefully read through Romans 8:16–19. Describe the “longing” that is addressed within these verses. How does this motivate us to help others with the “sufferings of this present time”?
3. Immanuel, as referenced in Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23, means “God with us.” How can you use this statement to share the good news that Jesus will rescue “people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21)?
4. In Isaiah 7:1–17 a handful of nations are mentioned. Also, the genealogy found in Matthew 1, leading up to Matthew’s declaration that Jesus is the promised “Immanuel” (Matthew 1:23), includes a variety of nationalities. What do these things say about God’s interest in all peoples? How can we help the nations represented within our own cities experience Immanuel?