



Light of the World

*Unto you is born this day... a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.* LUKE 2:11

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Digby Baptist Church
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Dear friends,

The Christmas season is the season in which we celebrate Christ's birth, which was the hope of the people of God in ancient times. It is also the season in which we look forward in hope ourselves – to the things Christ is doing in our world today, and to Christ's eventual return. It is a reminder that the people of God are a people of hope, in both the Old Testament and the New.

In this season, many people aren't feeling hopeful. In cold winter months, many struggle to put food on the table or keep warm. The big Christmas dinner seen in movies and advertising is unreachable for many. Others struggle with grief or mental health, as they lament the loved ones missing this Christmas, or struggle with the shorter days and longer nights. Still others lack hope for the future – they look at the way things are going and see hard times ahead.

Into these situations, Jesus brings hope, just as he did in the first Christmas. He brings hope for the future, as we look forward to the day that all things will be set right. He also brings hope for the present – hope that miracles can happen, even in unexpected places. Who would have expected the savior of the world to be born in a stable?

As the church, we are the body of Christ; we are Christ's hands and feet. When Jesus wants to bring hope, he often does so through us. This Christmas season, let's share our hope with the people around us through kind words, generous gifts, and unexpected invitations. If you would like to contribute towards the work this church is doing to bring hope to this community, you can use the offering envelope enclosed with this letter and drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. Alternatively, we accept e-transfers at digbybaptist@gmail.com.

This Christmas, let us share the hope that we have with the people around us. Let us be the hands and feet of the savior we celebrate.

Pastor Alex McMorine