

Week 1 – HOPE

Carol: O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:14 | Matthew 1:18–23 | Revelation 21:3–4

Scripture Summary

- Isaiah 7:14 – Promise of a virgin birth and divine rescue for Judah.
- Matthew 1:18–23 – Fulfillment through Jesus, Immanuel—God with us.
- Revelation 21:3–4 – Ultimate hope: God dwelling with His people forever.

Fulfillment: First Coming: God with us through Jesus' birth. Second Coming: Hope fulfilled in God's eternal presence.

Carol Context: A 12th-century hymn expressing Israel's longing for Messiah and humanity's yearning for deliverance, realized in Christ's arrival and anticipated in His return.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where do you need to experience 'God with us' today?
2. How does Advent shift your hope from temporary relief to eternal presence?
3. What practices help you wait with hope rather than impatience?