# Hope Has A Name DEC 8, 2024 – Jim Fitzgerald – 180 Church Matthew 1:23

#### 1. Hope is an anchor for our soul

**Hebrews 16:20** "Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. 17 God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.

18 So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. 19 **This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.** It leads us through the curtain into God's inner Sanctuary. 20 Jesus has already gone in there for us."

#### 2. Hope provides endurance to overcome adversity

Romans 5:3-5 "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."

### 3. Hope fulfilled gives life

**Proverbs 13:12** "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, **But when desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life."** 

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## 4. Hope has a name

Matthew 1:23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

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