

This morning we light the Hope Candle in eager anticipation of the coming of our Savior. However, intrinsic in the words “hope” and “anticipation” is the process of waiting, which can be emotionally frustrating and wearying. When waiting persists without a known endpoint, it can be especially difficult to maintain hope.

This year, more than ever, we can appreciate the challenges in waiting as we continue to endure the effects of a terrible virus. As diligent as we can be in preventing its spread, we individually cannot eliminate the threat it poses. So, we wait for a vaccine or an antidote or a cure, not fully knowing when it will come.

On that day when this virus is ultimately conquered, though, how jubilant will we be! We will shout on the rooftops with joy and relief! Still, this analogy undersells the stakes; health and survival are undoubtedly vital, but the cost of sin on our eternal soul is incalculably greater. Mercifully, our Lord has saved us, and we trust he will save us again. As we worship this morning, wherever safety allows, let us give our waiting over to the Lord, thankful for his faithfulness in all our times of need.

*Your promise still stands, great is your faithfulness.  
I'm still in your hands; this is my confidence: You've never failed me yet.*

**Keyboard Prelude:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* R. Felciano

### Welcome and Call to Advent Worship

### Lighting of the Hope Candle

**Choral Anticipation:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* R. Felciano

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns the lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O Come, our loving Shepherd, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
unlock the door with David's key, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

**\*Hymn of Yearning:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* J. M. Neale, et al

### Prayer for Renewal and Help

Bereavement

For Don Isbell and family in the death of his father, Don Isbell, Sr.

### Opportunities to Connect, Grow and Serve

### Trinity Kids Moment // Your Tithes and Offerings at Work

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 1:8-25  
Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**A Message for Living:** *“When God Keeps You Waiting”* Dr. Doug Rumford, Lead Pastor  
Making the Most of Christmas #1 (see notes on back)

### Prayer of Confidence

**\*Congregational Song of Trust:** *Do It Again* C. Brown, et al

### \*Closing Words, Charge and Benediction

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**Keyboard Postlude:** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* D. Bish



## "WHEN GOD KEEPS YOU WAITING"

"MAKING THE MOST OF CHRISTMAS #1"

Luke 1:8-25

Doug Rumford

### SERMON NOTES

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1. Expect to wait (Luke 1:7; Genesis 40:23-41:1; Acts 7:23, 30 Exodus 7:7; Isaiah 40:31).
2. Guard your character (Luke 1:6).
3. Treasure your relationships (Luke 1:57-60).
4. Fulfill your calling (Luke 1:8).
5. Live each day expectantly (Luke 1:18; Isaiah 64:4).
6. Application: When waiting, do not fear that the Lord has ignored or overlooked you. Fear not—God remembers.

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