

**We are Not a perfect Church**  
**We are Not a Perfect People**  
**We are here because we Know we need God's Help**  
**We know He has provided that help through Jesus Christ**



CFF is called to:  
Radiate the love of Christ  
Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to  
Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

## **Sermon Notes**

As we celebrate this first Sunday of Advent the theme is Hope

**Romans 15** 13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We know Jesus said:

(Mt 18:20) “... *where 2 or more gather in my name I am there among them*”

**Revelation 1** 20... *the seven lampstands are the seven churches.* Rev 2: 1 ... *This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:*

**Revelation 19** 11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them

with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

**Micah 5** 2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

**Matthew 2** 1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” 3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”

**Matthew 5** 21 “You have heard that our ancestors were told, ... 22 but I say to you

**Matthew 23** 1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. 3 So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. 4 They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden. 5 “Everything they do is for show...

13 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites!

**John 1** 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- God’s Word teaches us that we must repent of our sin, turn from it and turn towards God -- that we are to be baptized IN OUR FAITH and that we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit

**Acts 2** 36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” 37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### **Action Steps**

- Have you repented of your sins – turned to God and believed on Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
- Have you been baptized in your faith?
- Are you walking in obedience to what you KNOW God’s word has spoken to you through the Holy Spirit’s conviction?