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Series Title: The Wonder of Advent. Part 1: Hope
Key Scripture: Hebrews 6:13–20
Recorded Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/the-wonder-of-advent-part-1-hope
Date + Speaker: December 7, 2025 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Idea:
In a rapidly changing world, our hope remains secure because it is anchored in our unchanging God. Hebrews 6 reminds us that God's promises, purposes and character never change even when circumstances do. Just as Abraham trusted God when the promise seemed impossible, we too can take hold of hope that is firm, secure and rooted in Jesus. Hope is not wishful thinking; it is confidence grounded in who God is.

Starter:
What comes to mind when you hear the word "hope"?

Discussion:

1. Read Hebrews 6:13–15
   God made a promise to Abraham and confirmed it with an oath, showing that His promises never change.
   a. What stands out to you most about Abraham's journey of waiting?
   b. Have you ever felt "between the promise and the fulfillment"? What helped you hold on?

2. Read Hebrews 6:16–18
   These verses highlight that God's purpose and His character never change. It is impossible for God to lie.

    a. Which of these anchors speaks to you most right now: God's promises, His purposes or His character?
    b. What lies or doubts does the enemy often use to challenge your hope?
    c. How can anchoring yourself in Scripture strengthen your hope during uncertain seasons?

3. Pastor Mark highlighted Four Anchors of Hope:
- God's promises never change
- God's purposes never change
- God's character never changes
- We can change – and we need to
    a. Which anchor feels most relevant to your life today?
    b. Why do you think spiritual growth (our change) often begins with hope?
    c. How have you seen God's unchanging nature bring stability in a changing world?

4. Pastor Mark mentioned the cultural drift away from God's Word and the importance of standing firm.
    a. How do believers stay anchored in truth while navigating rapid cultural change?
    b. What does courage look like in this season for followers of Jesus?

Diving Deeper:

5. Are there areas of your life where God is inviting you to grow, change or realign your hope?

6. What rhythms (prayer, Scripture, community) help you stay anchored in God's unchanging nature?

7. As a group, how can we support each other in staying hopeful, faithful and rooted in God's Word?
    a. How can we remind each other of God's unchanging nature when someone in our group feels discouraged?