

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

As we embark on our Christmas journey, we're invited to explore the profound doctrine of the incarnation through the unexpected yet familiar narratives of classic Christmas films. Just as these movies offer us glimpses of truth in the midst of tinsel and popcorn, the Christmas season reveals the radical nature of God's love for us—love so deep that it took on flesh and dwelt among us. Our Bible study readings are designed to complement this cinematic exploration, diving into the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, and illuminating how they are intricately connected to the story of God's redemptive plan.

In a world that often commercializes and sentimentalizes the Christmas season, this Bible study aims to ground us in the awe-inspiring reality of the incarnation. Each week, we'll engage with six scriptural passages that delve into the essence of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, as manifested in the life of Jesus Christ. As we reflect on these readings, let's open our hearts to the unexpected ways God is still working for the redemption of all people. May this season deepen our understanding of God's true heart and prepare us to fully embrace the miracle of Christmas.

If you have a question about something you read, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tom at pastor@hillsidedmedford.org or Rev. Wendy at wendy@sanctuaryucc.org.

DATE	VERSES	DATE	VERSES
NOV 26	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	DEC 10	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
NOV 27	Isaiah 9:2-7	DEC 11	Isaiah 12:2-6
NOV 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16	DEC 12	Zephaniah 3:14-17
NOV 29	Romans 15:12-13	DEC 13	Luke 2:8-14
NOV 30	Titus 2:11-14	DEC 14	Philippians 4:4-7
DEC 1	Psalms 130:5-8	DEC 15	Psalms 16:11
DEC 2	Lamentations 3:21-24	DEC 16	Nehemiah 8:10
DEC 3	<i>Sunday Worship</i>	DEC 17	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
DEC 4	Isaiah 40:1-5	DEC 18	Isaiah 43:1-4
DEC 5	Micah 5:2-5	DEC 19	Matthew 1:18-25
DEC 6	Luke 1:76-79	DEC 20	John 3:16-17
DEC 7	Ephesians 2:14-18	DEC 21	1 John 4:7-12
DEC 8	Colossians 3:15	DEC 22	Romans 8:38-39
DEC 9	John 14:27	DEC 23	1 Corinthians 13:4-8