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A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.

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Home for Christmas Message Series

Sundays, December 5–26. We all long for home, especially in a season of weariness and separation. Come home for Christmas and celebrate the arrival of the promised child. Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/watch.

Thanksgiving Offering

This year's Thanksgiving offering will be shared with [Arrive Ministries](#). Giving is open through November 30.

Christmas Shop Volunteers + Donations

Sign up to volunteer on December 10 or 11. November 21–December 5 we are collecting new, unwrapped gift donations for ages 0–18. Drop off at the Main Campus. Shop online! Visit newhopechurchmn.org/christmasshop.

Hymn Sing

1st Thursdays (December 2), 2–3pm, Worship Center or livestream. An old-fashioned hymn sing. Stay after for fellowship hour in Sandberg Chapel. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/seniors.

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CHARGE THE GATES Matthew 16:18

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1. For centuries Christians have echoed the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:18 about the gates of hell not prevailing against the church. What comes to your mind when you hear or read these words? In what ways do you perceive Jesus' words holding true? Does it ever seem to you that these words fail?

GOING DEEPER

2. Matthew 16:18 famously tells of a "rock" on which Jesus "will build [His] church." One thought is it is Peter, whose name means "rock" and who is a key apostle. Another thought is that it's Jesus, who is the "living stone" rejected by humanity (1 Peter 2:4). Another thought is that it's the rocky ground on which altars had been built to the pagan gods where Jesus was speaking. What makes most sense to you and why?
3. Jesus declares that the gates of hell (or hades) will not prevail against the church. Read Luke 16:19-1, Revelation 1:17-20 and Revelation 20:11-14. From these, what do you learn about the concept of hades?
4. In ancient days, city gates were important in providing security and serving as places for civic and legal action. How does this relate to hell (or hades) mentioned in Matthew 16:18? For further insight, see Job 38:17, Psalm 9:13, Psalm 107:13 and Ephesians 6:12.
5. If the gates of hell are defensive in nature like city gates are designed to be, what might this imply for the church against which they will not prevail? See 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 and 1 John 5:4-5.

ACTION

6. If it belongs to the church to charge the gates of hell, believing victory is possible, with what posture should the church go forward? See John 1:17, Philippians 2:5-8 and Mark 10:45 for insight.
7. Who are those within the church to charge the gates of hell? What spiritual gifts or resources are necessary? What is your place in this endeavor?
8. Take time right now to pray for vision, courage, and God's power (see Zechariah 4:6) to represent Jesus anywhere and in every moment, pushing against the gates of hell.