

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — December 10, 2023

Sermon Notes

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Teaching Pastor.

Advent Candle of Hope Reading: [Isaiah 9:2, 6-7](#);

New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 10:19-39](#)

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- Double-down on your Christian hope
- Be a present, loving Christian influence
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- The importance of faith, [vv. 39-40](#).

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