Advent Reflection December 2, 2020 *HOPE* **Psalm 23** KVJ

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Reflection by Hope

David describes, in verse, his life with God and his hope for his future with God. In good times and bad times God was with David. God restored David when he was down. His blessings to David created an unimaginable bounty. David was anointed as King. The mercy of God followed David throughout his life.

I see the reciting of this well-known Psalm as a constant prayer to keep us hopeful.