

Coming up at MLCC:

Firefighters for Kids donations through December 14th

MLCC Family Christmas Celebration December 20th 5-7:30pm

Seniors & Kids Ministry
"Christmas In A Bag"
donations through
December 21st

Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 6:00pm No childcare provided

January 16-18, 2026 Marriage Retreat

MLCC EverPraise Kids' Choir

Thursdays 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30pm

Women's Fitness

Mondays & Thursdays 10am

Junior High Youth

Wednesdays 6-8pm

(Doors open at 5:30)

Senior High Youth Sundays 6-8pm

(Doors open at 5:30)

Sermon Notes - December 7, 2025

"His Name Shall be Called... Prince of Peace"

Speaker: John Roberts **Series**: Advent Week 2

Isaiah 9:1-7

"And he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."

Christ came to inaugurate a Kingdom and Government of Peace... but it's a peace, not of this world, which is currently shrouded in darkness.

What does it mean to be a prince?

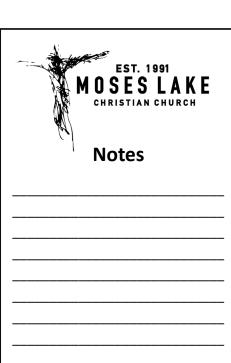
Our current world is the domain of "prince of the power of the air." (Eph 2:2)

While the current world isn't a place of peace, Christ's heart for his people is that we would be a people of peace.

Christ came to inaugurate a Kingdom and Government of Peace... and the domain is the human heart.

Colossians 3:15...

YBH - "Yes But How" - do we cultivate a heart of peace?



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Things to think about...

Is my life currently, in the places that I have influence, a catalyst for peace or a catalyst for conflict?

Am I escalating conflict around me or de-escalating it?

What is the state of my heart and where is my evil, anger, and frustration? Are there people against whom I have pretty clear ill-will?

Do I have the courage to ask the Holy Spirit to "search my heart and see if there is any wicked way in me?"

How and where can I let the Kingdom of Peace permeate my heart and spill out of my life in the places I have influence?

Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help me to see you this week, and to invite you, as the Prince of Peace, to go with me into the places that my life has influence. Holy Spirit, search my heart and show me where, or if, there are any wicked, or offensive ways in me, and lead me into a better place. Give me the courage to forgive, or ask forgiveness, where it's needed. Father God, give me the grace to live out my life this week as a reflection of your heart for those around me. May you give me the grace to have the heart of Christ at the center of my heart so that your Kingdom of light and life and peace flow freely out of me in all the places that my life has influence.

Amen



Jocelynne Bong: Jocelynne is doing well at Caravan Ministries and is praying about whether or not to extend her time there .

Kairos Outside: Kairos Outside is a Christian faith-ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of women who have been impacted by incarceration of themselves or a loved one. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, hopes to change hearts and transform lives. Contact Hazel Hagy, our church's liaison, for more information.