

## ADVENT

HOPE, PEACE,  
JOY, AND LOVE  
IN THE WAITING



**WELCOME!** During our time together this morning, we're continuing a journey through the season of Advent. Throughout the month of December, we'll look back on the perspective of God's people who were eagerly anticipating the arrival of a Savior, and look forward as we await His return. We're glad you've joined us!

## Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH  
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, NEXT WEEK:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, FEBRUARY 9:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, MARCH 23:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

### I. Peace anticipated — Ezekiel 24:25–31

- » Israel longed for the peace that would come through the coming Messiah — Isaiah 9:6–7

### II. Peace experienced — Philippians 4:4–9

- » Jesus offers an internal peace in the midst of external chaos — John 16:33
- » Paul gives us practices to experience this peace:
  - » Find joy through gratitude
  - » Notice what is going on inside of you
  - » Turn your worries into prayers
  - » Pay attention to what you are paying attention to
  - » Put these things into practice

### III. Peace fulfilled — Revelation 21:3–4

- » We look forward to the second advent of Jesus when we experience the fullness of His peace.

## Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS  
IN THE SPACE BELOW

## Takeaways

## PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » Where is there conflict or worry in your life right now?
- » Where do you try to find peace when life feels chaotic?
- » Do you ever find yourself craving conflict instead of peace?
- » What would it look like to turn your worries into prayers?
- » What are you paying attention to that robs you of peace?
- » When have you experienced peace that surpasses understanding?

## COME AND WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS



Here are all the dates and times when you can join us for worship during Christmas:

- » **DECEMBER 1–15:** *Advent* series, regular Sunday morning schedule
- » **DECEMBER 22:** *Advent* continues, regular worship times, with Bible Fellowships for kids only — **no ABFs**
- » **DECEMBER 24:** Christmas Eve candlelighting services at 3:00 & 5:00 in the Auditorium, with nursery care at both times
- » **DECEMBER 29:** *Advent* concludes, one worship service at 10:45 only for the entire family — **no Bible Fellowships**
- » **JANUARY 5:** Regular Sunday morning schedule resumes with new teaching series in Philipians

## Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS  
AND FIND INFORMATION

**WELCOME CENTER:** Stop by and talk with us this morning

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Full calendar and current events

**WEBSITE:** Find detailed info online at [gracechurch.com](http://gracechurch.com)

**CHURCH CENTER APP:** Stay connected and go paperless ➡

