

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, TODAY:** 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. Joy for the First Advent: Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promised a world in darkness that they would eventually experience a joyful light—Jeremiah 31:31–34

🔍 *Further Reference: Psalm 16:11, Jeremiah 31:13, Hebrews 12:2*

- II. Joy between Advents: Jesus promised that following His instructions would provide joy, even in a challenging world — John 15:11, 16:20, 16:22

- III. Joy for the Second Advent: King Jesus has promised to return and, when He does, joy will be the norm — 1 John 3:2, Revelation 21:3–4

- IV. Conclusion — Habakkuk 3:17–19

📖 *Turn to Philippians 4:8–9*

Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THE SPACE BELOW

Takeaways

GRATITUDE MEMORY EXERCISE

- » Think of a memory for which you are grateful. It can be big or small.
- » In a quiet place, relive the memory for a moment, noticing what you feel.
- » Ask God “how were you with me in this memory?”
- » Write down the memory, noting what you felt. Give the memory a name.
- » Begin compiling a list of these “gratitude memories.”
- » Spend five minutes a day practicing gratitude by reliving these memories.

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

CHURCH CENTER APP: Stay connected and go paperless ➡

