

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, JANUARY 19:** 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. Love anticipated — Genesis 3:6–11

- » Fear drives us away from love.
- » Where are you?
- » Who told you?
- » Have you eaten?
- » We long to be loved, yet fear surrender — Hosea 11:1–4

II. Love experienced — 1 John 4:7–18

- » God's love is personified and demonstrated in Jesus Christ.
- » Perfect love drives away fear.

III. Love Fulfilled — 1 Corinthians 13:4–13

- » In our season of anticipation, we can know and experience God's love in part, but a day is coming when love will be fully realized.

Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THE SPACE BELOW

Takeaways

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

- » Where do you find yourself today?
- » How does the idea of being vulnerable with God make you feel?
- » What fear or shame keeps you from looking to God's face?
- » How do you imagine God looking at you?
- » Where do you try to find satisfaction for your desire for love?
- » How might you rest in God's love for you this week?

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
- » **TODAY:** *Advent* continues, regular worship times, with Bible Fellowships for kids only — **no ABFs**
- » **THIS TUESDAY:** Christmas Eve candlelighting services at 3:00 & 5:00 in the Auditorium, with nursery care at both times
- » **NEXT SUNDAY:** *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 *Philippians*

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 ➡

