

*This coming week in the life of the church*

**Today 12/7**

9am Worship  
10:15am Sunday School

**Monday 12/8**

6pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday 12/9**

12pm Belvidere Women's Luncheon  
6pm Disciple 1  
7pm Boys Scouts

**Wednesday 12/10**

9am Psalm Sisters Bible Study  
5pm Soccer Practice  
5:30 Disciple 3

**Saturday 12/13**

9am-12pm Cookie Drop Off  
10am Women's Ministry Meeting  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing all day

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God~**

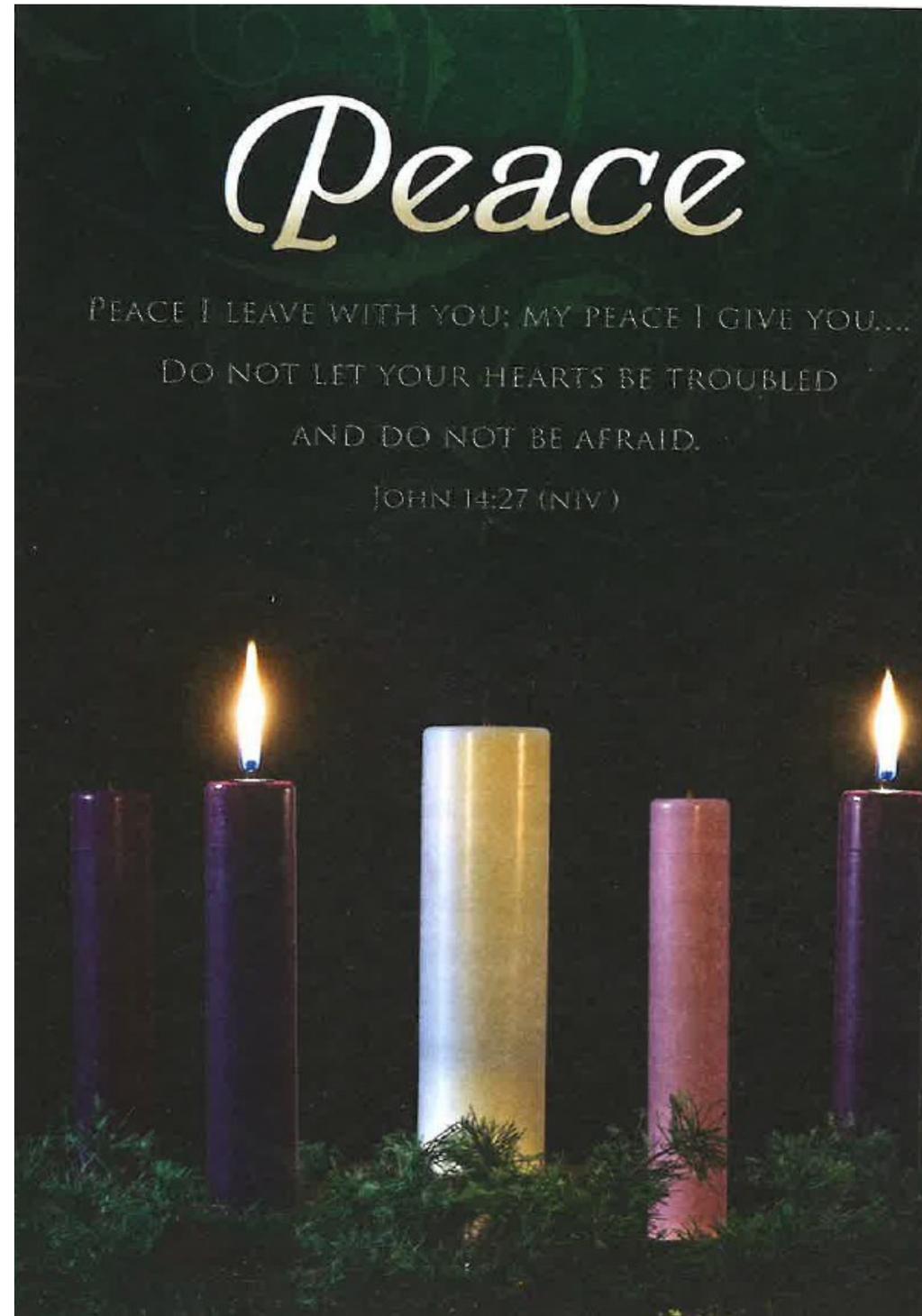
*All that we have comes from God; we are caretakers of what belongs to Him. As an act of faith, we return a portion of God's provision for the growing and continuation of His work. There is an offering plate as you enter for tithes and offerings, you can send them through our website, or they may be mailed to the church office.*

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**Order of Worship for December 7, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent~~Peace**

**Prelude** (song/s)

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Songs of Praise:** "Better is One Day"  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
UMH #211 vs 1

**\*Candle Lighting Litany**

Liturgists: Amy & Carla

One - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has  
dawned.

**Many – We have seen the light, but many continue to walk in  
darkness.**

One – Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and  
assurance about what we do not see.

**Many – We come longing for a better country—a heavenly one.**

One – We light this candle as a sign that peace is God's will and  
gift for all people.

**Many – May God cause the light of peace to shine in the  
darkness.**

**\*Scriptures:** Isaiah 9: 2-6

Hebrews 11: 1-16

Liturgist: Ronn Gordon

**Discipleship Time**

**Prayer Song:** "O Little town of Bethlehem" UMH #230 vs 3

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Message** Pastor Jim

**Holy Communion** UMH #9

**Communion Songs:** "It is Well With My Soul" UMH #377 vs 1&2  
"Jesus, All for Jesus"

**\*Closing Song of Praise:** "Everlasting God"

**\*Benediction**

**\*= Stand as able**

**\*\*Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available  
from any usher\*\***

*Altar flowers given by Dan & Sue Holmes in honor of Amy & Sharon  
Bates visiting from England*

The truths of Hebrews call for \_\_\_\_\_

Peace comes from \_\_\_\_\_

Faith gives \_\_\_\_\_ to hope.

“Confidence” means \_\_\_\_\_

This “faith” is a way of \_\_\_\_\_

“Assurance” means \_\_\_\_\_

This “assurance is a way of \_\_\_\_\_

Creation faith means \_\_\_\_\_

Faith in v. 6 is the faith of \_\_\_\_\_

The devil believes \_\_\_\_\_

The apostles’ faith \_\_\_\_\_

Saving faith \_\_\_\_\_

With faith it is impossible \_\_\_\_\_

We desire a country & look for a city when \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

We admit by \_\_\_\_\_

Here is peace: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hebrews 11:1-16

**11** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking for the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.