The Sounds of Christmas

Part 2: The Song of Peace

BIG Idea: Jesus doesn't just bring peace to our world—He is our peace.

Application: Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, even when the world feels chaotic.

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1. Peace often shows up in <u>unexpected</u> places.

Luke 2:8 (NLT)

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

Peace meets you right where you are.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

³You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Peace isn't found in a place - it's found in a Person.

2. Peace is announced with praise.

Luke 2:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."

Luke 2:10b-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ ... "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

Ephesians 2:14a (ESV)

¹⁴ For He himself is our peace,

Colossians 3:15a (NLT)

¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

Peace isn't something Jesus brings separate from Himself. He is our peace.

Heaven doesn't whisper when peace arrives – heaven sings.

3. Peace is promised to those who trust Him.

Luke 2:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

John 14:27 (NLT)

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ <u>do not be anxious</u> about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And <u>the peace of God</u>, which surpasses all understanding, <u>will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus</u>.

God's peace doesn't depend on circumstances – it depends on surrender.

Jesus doesn't bring peace to the world – **He is our peace**.