

## **The God who brings Peace**

**12/7/25 – Pastor Zach**

**Psalm 113:4-6, John 1:14, Luke 2:13-14**

**Connect:** Where have you experienced the peace of Jesus? Where do you need the peace of Jesus?

**Engage:** Re Read Psalm 113. What stands out to you?

Advent means to wait / to long for

1. God's peace has come to us in the Birth of Christ

a. Peace, the Hebrew word means Shalom- which is defined as absence of conflict or a cease fire. It refers to a rich state of well-being where everything is in proper place and all relationships with God, with others and with oneself are put right. Absence of Chaos

b. Where do you have areas in your life that are in Chaos?

c. God longs to bring peace to that chaos. What would that look like for you?

2. Internality – lower one's self in humility to draw near and lift another up

a. God loves you so much that He will lower himself to see you eye to eye?

How does that make you feel?

b. Ra a' "to look" – to learn about, observe, watch, look upon and look out find out, to gaze upon.

c. You cannot provide peace on your own. How does that make you feel? Have you ever tried and what did that look like?

d. How does it make you feel that you are the Lord's beloved.

e. The Truths of God.

He is exalted, loving, peaceful, and we have all of these through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. How does that change you ?

3. Saul vs Mary

A. Why is Saul a picture of someone without peace with God?

1. He lives with insecurity and fear.

2. He strives to control everything.

3. His identity is fragile.

4. He ends in despair and not hope

Which one of these resonate with you the most? Why do you say that?

B. Why is Mary a picture of someone who has peace with God?

1. She trusts God in uncertainty.

2. Her identity rests in God's favor and not circumstances

3. She focuses on God's greatness not her problems

4. She ponders rather than panics.

Which one of these do you feel you do well and which one do you struggle with?

**Apply:** What is the invitation for you this week? Where do you need to share the peace of Christ with someone who is struggling? Where do you need to experience the peace?

