

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*December 11, 2022 – Order of Worship*

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**TIME OF REFLECTION**

“Peace comes when there is no cloud between us and God. Peace is the consequence of forgiveness, God’s removal of that which obscures His face and so breaks union with Him.”

~Charles H. Brent

“If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble.”

~Thomas Watson

“God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.”

~C.S. Lewis

“We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.”

~Thomas Merton

“The Bible is full of God’s promises to provide for us spiritually and materially, to never forsake us, to give us peace in times of difficult circumstances, to cause all circumstances to work together for our good, and finally to bring us safely home to glory. Not one of those promises is dependent upon our performance. They are all dependent on the grace of God given to us through Jesus Christ.”

~Jerry Bridges

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

~1 Thessalonians 5:23

“He came the first time to die; He is coming again to raise the dead. When He came the first time, they questioned whether He was King; the next time the world will know that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. The first time He wore a crown of thorns; the next time He will be wearing a crown of glory. The first time He came in poverty; the next time He is coming in power. The first time He had an escort of angels; the next time He will come with ten thousands of His saints. The first time He came in meekness; He is coming again in majesty.”

~Adrian Rogers

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “Prince of Peace” – *Abrm McQuarters*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)*

*Isaiah 9*

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Philippians 4*

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

*Ephesians 2*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far  
off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both  
one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall  
of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments  
expressed in ordinances, that he might create in  
himself one new man in place of the two, so making  
peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one  
body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.  
<sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were  
far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For  
through him we both have access in one Spirit to the  
Father.

*Matthew 28*

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All  
authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe  
all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with  
you always, to the end of the age.”