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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



Kick off the Advent season with worship, crafts, and joyful community! You're invited to the Advent Tree Lighting on **Monday, November 27th at 7pm**. This is a fun event for everyone!

The Christmas Toy Store is Saturday, December 2nd, from 9-11am and we are looking for additional volunteers (starting at 8am), we especially need gift wrappers. Contact mike.mckown@erc.la or 562-272-4962.

Our Christian sympathy to Dave and Faith Hogan, Dave's brother Mark Hogan, and family, on the passing of Mark's wife, Grace Hogan, on Saturday night, November 18th. Services will take place in Texas on Sunday, Dec 3rd.

Emmanuel Arts Presents A

Christmas SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

We're excited to announce our 2024 BIBLE READING JOURNAL!

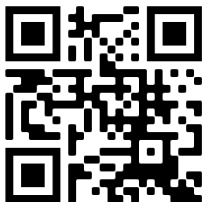
You can purchase this **Read It, Write It, Pray It, Share It** journal on Amazon.

Scan the QR Code to take you there!



English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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Additional Giving Opportunities
Church Planting offering December 3

Weekly Offering

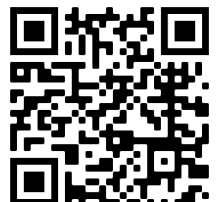
YTD Offering: \$2,828,813.55

YTD Budget: \$2,856,472.00

Last Week's Offering: \$47,773.11

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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"A TIME FOR PEACE"



- **Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-14**

- **Theme:** True Peace comes from God alone!

Peace Defined:

- Eirene (Greek - New Testament): the absence of war, rest, tranquility, harmony, security or to have quiet.
- Shalom (Hebrew - Old Testament): complete, safe, untouched, tranquility, harmony, everything is good, well or whole.

The peace of God in-Christ can never be separated from God himself. If we want peace, Christ must first rule in our lives. God's purpose is not to give us peace separate from himself. (John 14:27)

Peace is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). If we are allowing the Spirit of God to rule in our lives, we will experience the Lord's peace into Advent. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ leading up to Christmas and beyond.

Peace with God

All human beings are born with the first parents' (Adam and Eve) sin nature. (Romans 5:12)

The scripture says very plainly that the central and/or natural condition of our hearts is hostility toward God. (Romans 8:7)

At advent, it is only through Jesus and faith in him that we are brought into a relationship of peace with our God and Creator. It is the reconciliation of God with us. (Colossians 1:21)

Peace with others

"There will never be agreement at the peace tables of the world or rest in the individual heart until the Prince of Peace reigns supreme in the hearts of men." William Bright

The scripture is very clear that we as Christians are commanded to do our part in peacemaking. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

What keeps us (Christians) together, our Lord Jesus Christ, is so much stronger than what separates us in the world!!! Biola University Study.

Peace with self

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Martin Luther

A willing and thoughtful decision to submit to the King of kings and the Lord of lords who rules and reigns and can be trusted. We are to let the peace of Christ be established in our hearts! (Col 3:15)

Christ followers have a tool on the road to peace by taking everything—all our burdens, problems, concerns, and anxieties—to Him in prayer. This is very practical and can be done now, on your way out, while you are driving, working, at school and the list goes on and on. (1 Peter 5:7)

What is deeper than the Gospel? As the angels long to look into these things (1 Peter 1:12), we as believers should stand in awe of God's plan and how he has reconciled himself to us and brought peace through His son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

- Reflection Questions

- Do you have peace with God today? If your faith is in Christ, then you have peace with God.
 - What steps will you take today so that peace will be established in your life?
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