



Plymouth First Baptist Church

December 4, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude

BJ Lyle

Welcome

Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Loyd and India Jones

Today we light the candle of HOPE and the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE. As we think of Christ's birth and prepare for the second coming of Jesus, may we remember that Jesus is our HOPE and our PEACE.

Hear the Word of the LORD.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace that we have by faith in Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may find peace in our hearts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and look forward to His return. Help us to follow the path of peace and live as peacemakers, but also remain loyal to You and Your kingdom. Lord, let us remember that You are the provider of lasting peace and that You are always with us. AMEN.

Hymn#259

Angels From the Realms Of Glory (all verses)

Congregation

Ministry of Music

Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child

Brass Ensemble

Hymn #243

Emmanuel

Congregation

Communion

Congregation

Offertory Hymn#281

**What Child Is This?
All Verses**

Congregation

Offertory Scripture & Prayer

Harry Ward

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15

**Offering
Doxology**

**Ushers
Congregation**

Sermon: A People of Peace

Pastor Paul

All throughout the Bible, we read that God desires peace for His people. In fact, a great part of the grand story being played out on earth right now is God moving through time to restore the peace that was lost as a result of rebellion to Him- By Angels and Humans.

God wants to Bless His people not just with peace, but all things eternal. Hope, Joy, Love etc. There is nothing wrong with crying out to God to bless you- but understand that blessing comes only with righteousness. (1 Chron. 4:9-10; James 5:16; Deut. 28:1-11; Psalm 33:12; Numbers 6:24-26. 1 Peter 2:9-10)

Christians are to seek the kingdom of God- which involves many things- including peace! Romans 14:17; Luke 17:20-21

Peace: HEBREW *Shalom* and the GREEK, *Eirene'*- mean peace, safety, prosperity, well-being, wholeness contentment.

It is peace within, and peace without as far as it depends upon us.
There can be no true peace where God is not welcome, worshipped, and obeyed.
A life of peace can only begin through faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1-2)

Why do Christians at times lack peace? (Hebrews 10:12-14; John 3:30; Psalm 85).

Christ's kingdom is one of peace! (Luke 2:8-14; Zechariah 9:10) This world will only be at peace when evil is done away with and all submit to Jesus. But before Christ's kingdom comes, the Bible tells us the ultimate evil kingdom will rise led by Satan himself. We are seeing this kingdom rise in our day.

We are living in a nation -and world- that is openly hostile to God and His ways. It truly can be described by Romans 12:8. God cannot and will not bless nations who are in open rebellion. In this period of time- the Lord is dividing between believer and unbeliever. (Matthew 10:34-40; James 4:4)

How can we maintain a life of peace so that we may bring peace to others?

Spiritual Fuel for Peace

1. If you haven't already, receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.
2. Avoid things that disturb the peace in your heart and life.
3. Meditate on the Prince of Peace and His Word- Be in communication with HIM.
4. Refuse to bless blatant moral rebellion against the Kingdom of God.
5. Live in peace with everyone as far as it depends upon you.
6. Look with hope to the peace Christ's kingdom will bring one day.

Hymn of Invitation#480

Only Trust Him

Congregation

The Facebook feed ends before the hymn of invitation. *If you need spiritual counsel, please come forward during the closing hymn or see one of the pastors after the service- We would be honored to speak to you! - God Bless.*



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor
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Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator
Scott Chandler, Deacon of the Month