



1st Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Peace

*"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. 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." Isaiah 9:6-7*

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**A. And also with you.**

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**A: Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Jesus as our Prince of Peace.  
Help us to turn to Him to help quiet our anxieties and calm our fears.  
Let us be a reflection of His Peace when we're working with others so  
we serve them with compassion and wisdom. Amen.

Hymn: ***The Advent Of Our God***

The advent of our God  
Shall be our theme for prayer;  
Come, let us meet him on the road  
And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate stoops to be  
Himself the servant's form put on  
To set his people free

Come, Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly king  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace he comes to bring

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#### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our  
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We  
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For  
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that  
we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives  
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children  
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

**A: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Scripture Genesis 12:1-3

*"The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'"*

## Galatians 3:7-9

*"Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.' So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."*

## John 8:48-58

*"The Jews answered him, 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?' 'I am not possessed by a demon,' said Jesus, 'but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself' but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.' At this they exclaimed, 'Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?' Jesus replied, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.' 'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!' 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!'"*

## Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Sermon — *"The Promise of Peace"* Pastor Ben Murray

## Apostle's Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: ***My Faith Looks Up To Thee***

My faith looks up to thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary  
Savior divine  
Now hear me while I pray  
Take all my guilt away  
On, let me from this day  
Be wholly thine

May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart  
My zeal inspire  
As thou hast died for me  
Oh, may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be  
A living fire

While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread  
Be thou my guide  
Bid darkness turn to day  
Wipe sorrow's tears away  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside

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Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away**

**the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### Communion

#### Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

#### Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

#### Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

#### Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

#### Closing Hymn: ***Angels From The Realms of Glory***

Angels, from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Once you sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn king

Shepherds, in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn king

Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great desire of nations

You have seen his natal star  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn king

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*"So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." Galatians 3:9*

## Sermon Notes

### The Promise of Peace

⇒ What is peace?

⇒ What is keeping peace from flourishing in your life?

⇒ How are you bringing peace?

## Those To Pray For

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**IN HOSPICE CARE:**

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:** Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman