

December 14, 2018

Celebrate Advent 2018

'Tis the season to be filled with peace...

Can you remember a time in our culture when there was so much unrest and the lack of peace? What a perfect time to be celebrating His Advent! People are looking everywhere for meaning and purpose and a sense of rest and peace, and we have found Him. We celebrate

His arrival and with His arrival He brings peace. Consider the message recorded in Isaiah 9:6-7:

*"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace. And of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end!**"*

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Our focus will be on the aspect of PEACE that His Advent brings into our living. 'Tis the season to be filled with PEACE! Come celebrate advent with me this week. Let's restore Christ to the center of our Christmas Celebration. It's never been a better time to invite your family and friends to celebrate the advent of His ever-expanding Kingdom of Peace! This is exactly what our world needs.

In Isaiah 26:3, God's word promises that He will *"keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you."*

This is the wonderful effect of the gospel upon the minds of those that sincerely embrace it and look to and trust in the Prince of Peace. His peace changes our nature and brings peace to the heart of man. The effect is His peace that brings a wonderful softening and sweetening of man's disposition and attitudes by the grace of God.

More than once Jesus, the "Prince of Peace," offers His followers His peace. *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* John 14:27 (NIV) This is the message our world needs. Please come celebrate His Advent and invite others to receive His Peace.

My prayer continues to be that this Advent we might experience His **Joy** overflowing, **Hope** Abounding, **Peace** beyond comprehension, and **Love** never ending and forever expanding!

It is truly the Season ... to be filled with **PEACE!**

Wishing you His peace,
Pastor Garry

- ❖ Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our "Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service" December 24th at 6:00 p.m. This service will culminate our Advent Celebration in lighting the center Christ Candle.

*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts."*

