

Today is the Second Sunday in Advent, and as we continue worshipping in eager anticipation of our Savior's coming, we light the Peace candle. In the Beatitudes, Jesus calls out a special benediction for those who make peace:

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.* (Matthew 5:9)

In giving that blessing, Jesus challenges us to do more than just passively find peace, though. To be called one of God's own, we are to find ways to **make** peace in the world around us. It requires intention and commitment.

This morning, Pastor Mike will expand on that active response to God's ultimate gift. Because our Creator cherishes each one of us, he allows us the opportunity to become born again. As we lift our voices in thanks to our coming Prince of Peace, let us commit to giving back to the One who lovingly calls us his own.

*I have decided, I have resolved to wait upon you, Lord.*

**Organ Prelude:** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* P. Magness

**Welcome and Call to Worship // \*Congregational Songs of Promise and Praise:**

- 1) *Christ Is Coming! Let Creation* J. MacDuff, J. Hughes  
2) *Glory (Let There Be Peace)* M. Maher, C. Stevens, R. Popadic

**\*Prayer of Praise // Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Choral Affirmation:** *Blessed are the Peacemakers* R. Powell  
(based on Matthew 5:9; Colossians 3:13-14)

[This anthem was commissioned by Trinity's congregation in celebration of Hanan Yaqub's 40th anniversary as Minister of Worship and Music.]

Blessed are the peacemakers. They will be called "Children of God."

Bear with each other, forgive one another: Put on love.

Blessed are the peacemakers...

**Prayer for Peace**

Bereavement

For Carol Dienhart and family in the death of her husband, Reid.  
For Loretta Meyer and family in the death of her husband, Dave.

**Bell Meditation:** *Advent Carol* H. Hopson

**Opportunities to Seek Peace**

**\*Hymn of Anticipation:** *Come, O Long Expected Jesus* C. Wesley, R. Prichard

**Prayer of Preparation for the Word // Scripture Lesson:** John 3:5-10, 16; Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-18a  
Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**A Message for Living:** *"The Greatest Giver"* Rev. Mike Kenyon,  
*Great News for a Hurting World #2 (see Sermon Notes on back)* Executive Associate Pastor

**Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness // Word in Action:** *World Vision*, Wes and Darlene Kriesel

**Invitation to Give**

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Congregational Song of Faith:** *You'll Come* B. Fraser

**\*Charge and Benediction // Organ Postlude:** *Christ Is Coming! Let Creation* P. Manz



# "The Greatest Giver"

John 3:5-10, 16;  
Genesis 12:1-3; 15-18a

GREAT NEWS FOR A HURTING WORLD #2  
Mike Kenyon

## SERMON NOTES

DECEMBER 5, 2021

What does it mean that *God gave* (his one and only Son)?

1. God's gift of salvation for humanity began with a \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 12:1-3).
2. By walking through the blood twice, God was making a covenant not only to Abram, but to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 15: 9-18a)
3. When we come before God, we not only appeal to God's \_\_\_\_\_, but to his \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 3:21-26; 1 John 1:9)
4. John uses the phrase "born again" \_\_\_\_\_ times in his gospel, meaning \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God paid the ultimate price because God treasures \_\_\_\_\_ as the ultimate prize.

Application: Our giving is our joyful response to all God gives us.

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**Mike Kenyon** Executive Associate Pastor for Evangelism,  
Discipleship & Multiplication

**Alix Riley** Director of Adult Ministries

### Lighting of the Peace Candle:

(9:00) **Andy and Annie Strenk, Lydia Sarandan**  
(10:40) **Rob, Joanna, Faith and Elijah Blaney**

Chancel Choir Ensemble (9:00);

**Laura Scott** Flute

Chancel Choir (10:40)

**Althea Holdcroft** Flute

Chapel Bell Choir (High School/College)

**Katrina Liao** Bass/Vocals/Director

**Mary Hill, Caleb Hocking** Vocals

**Phil Pacier** Electric Guitar

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