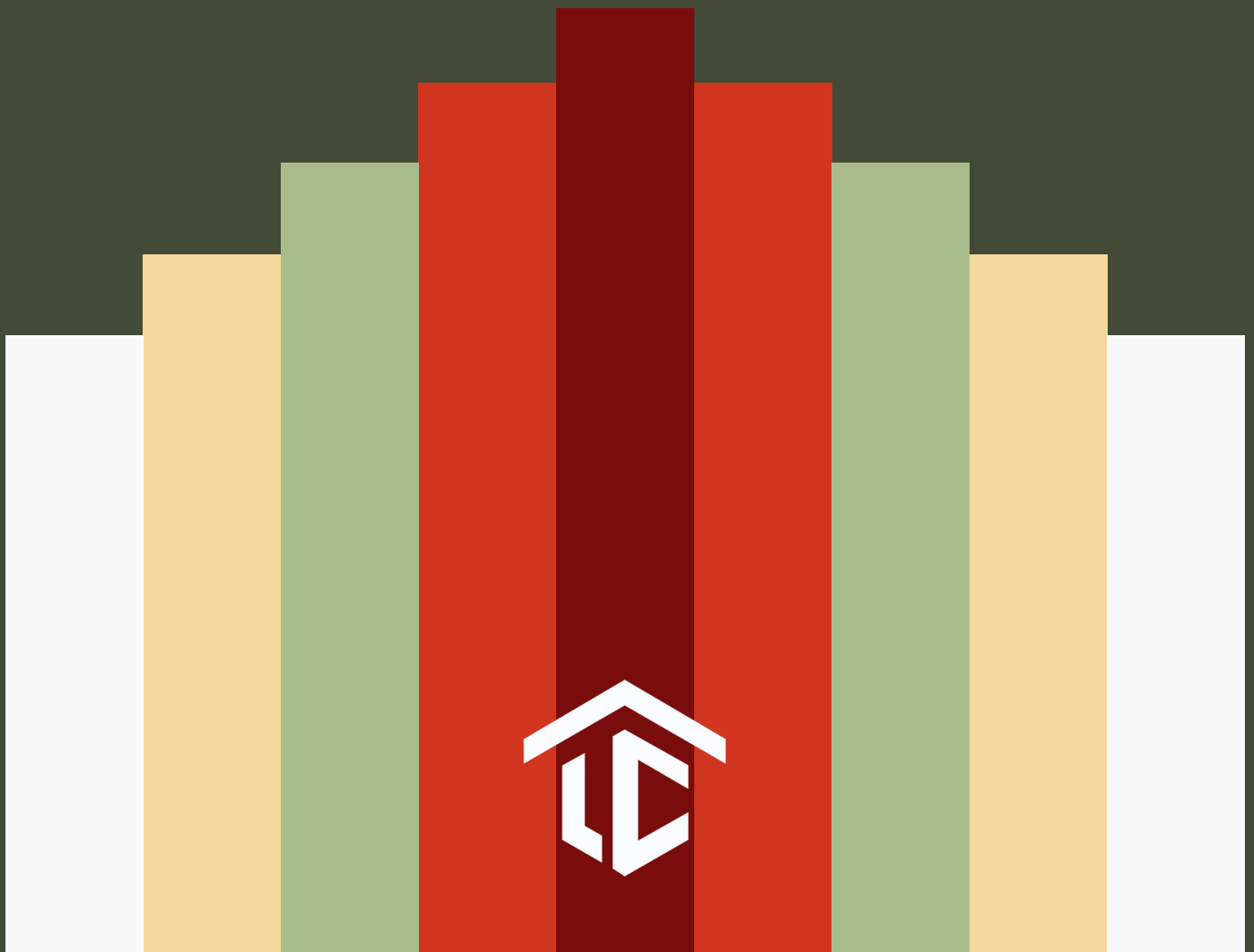




# BEHOLD

A 28-DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL  
CHRISTMAS 2023





## A NOTE ABOUT THE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

"**Behold: A 28-day Advent Devotional**" is your four-week roadmap to an intentional Christmas season. This guide includes daily scripture readings, contemplative questions, and weekly activities for you and your friends and family. For this 2023 Christmas season, use this guide to focus your thoughts and prayers toward the promise of the imminent arrival of our King. Behold the glory of a Savior born in a manger.

You may already know the Christmas story by heart, or you're just beginning to understand its gravity. Either way, "Behold" invites you to stop, reflect, and truly see the narrative of Jesus' birth and His promised return in a transformative light.

From a manger to a throne, our Savior, Jesus Christ, has come and will come again—something genuinely worthy of our celebration this Christmas season.

## WHAT IS ADVENT?

Throughout history, Advent is a Christian tradition following Thanksgiving and leading to Christmas Day, which encourages us to anticipate Jesus coming into the world. It's a time when we prepare our hearts and homes for the arrival of Christ. It serves as a spiritual journey, taking us through themes of hope, love, joy, and peace as we eagerly await the commemoration of Jesus' birth and His promised second coming.

By setting aside this period to focus on the true essence of Christmas, Advent allows us to experience the profound impact of God's love for us, manifested in the humble birth of His Son and the promise of His return.

## HOW TO USE THE DEVOTIONAL

Begin each week by finding a quiet space to engage with the Weekly Focus and Weekly Devotional deeply. These sections are crafted to align your thoughts and emotions with the week's Advent theme: hope, love, joy, and peace. Then, close your time each week by participating in the Advent Practice (more information below).

For the following five days, focus on reading scripture that resonates with the week's Advent theme. Dedicate time to thoughtfully read each passage, inviting God to communicate with you through His Word. If you find reading the Bible challenging, consult the Bible Reading Guide below to enhance your devotional time.

Lastly, the final day of the week serves as a buffer to revisit any readings you may have missed and to reflect on any insights that particularly resonated with you over the week.

## BIBLE READING GUIDE

Reading scripture can sometimes be intimidating and confusing, especially if you are new to Bible Study. However, God desires you to know His word richly and dwell on it daily.

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

*Colossians 3:16-17*

So, how can you read scripture effectively? Becoming familiar with personal Bible Study can take a few days to adjust to this new rhythm, but don't be discouraged. God is still working in you and storing His Word in your heart!

Here is a simple 4-part, 15-minute formula to follow as you reflect daily on the Advent scriptures:

### START WITH PRAYER

This is an intentional time to draw close to God. So, start by inviting Him into these moments and to reveal to you who He is through His Spirit. It can be as simple as, "Here I am, God. I am listening."

### READ THE PASSAGE

First, read the passage(s). What immediately stands out to you? What keywords, themes, and phrases do you notice? If you don't understand something, that's okay. Focus on what you do understand.

### READ THE PASSAGE, AGAIN

That's right. Reread it. Write down questions that come to mind. Look for Jesus in the passage and his plan of redemption. And reflect on how this passage is relevant to you in 2023.

## REFLECT AND GO!

Life is filled with next steps, and scripture has no shortage of inspiring, teaching, correcting, and leading you to a closer relationship with God. So, close your devotional by asking, "How can I be obedient to what God is showing me through scripture?" And then go and do it!

If you have questions or feel stuck, that's okay. Your Lighthouse Church Team is here to help. Reach out with your questions by emailing us to help. Reach out with any questions or comments by emailing [info@lighthouseparker.com](mailto:info@lighthouseparker.com).

## WEEKLY ADVENT PRACTICE - LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

The use of candles during Advent serves as a symbolic and practical way to mark the progression of the season leading up to Christmas. Each week, you can invite your friends and family to participate in lighting a candle to continue your focus on the birth of Jesus and his promised return.

Typically arranged in an Advent wreath (but not necessary), the candles represent hope, love, joy, and peace. Each week, a new candle is lit in addition to those from previous weeks, culminating in lighting all four by Christmas. You can use any type of candle (generic or Advent-themed) to take part in this practice. The point is to remember the theme from each week and direct our thoughts towards Christ.

Lighting the candles provides a visual and ceremonial time to reflect on the deeper spiritual themes of Advent.

*“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”*

**Mark 1:3**

*A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.*

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God is in the Manger**

# HOPE

Week **One**, November 26th - December 2nd, 2023



## WEEKLY FOCUS

This Christmas season is a modern symbol of the need for a Savior and the promise of a coming King. This is a time of anticipation, a reminder of what's to come.

Advent begins with a week focused on **HOPE**.

## READING PLAN:

**DAY ONE:** Devotional, Reflection, and Advent Practice

**DAY TWO:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Psalm 122; Mark 1:1-13

**DAY THREE:** Exodus 16:1-5; Psalm 105; John 6:48-51, 14:6

**DAY FOUR:** Malachi 3:1-6; Psalm 89; Romans 13:11-14

**DAY FIVE:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 10; John 4:19-26

**DAY SIX:** Psalm 11; John 8:12-20

**DAY SEVEN:** Reflect on the week and catch up if needed

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

When I was a kid, there was nothing better than Christmas morning. Particularly prematurely waking up to sneak a glimpse of the Christmas tree that displayed all the toys and games for my brother and me. It would take only a few seconds until the joy of Christmas day would awaken the entire house.

These moments were unforgettable. The anticipation from previous weeks leading up to Christmas morning would be fulfilled by the smell of cinnamon rolls baking in the oven, the sound of joyful Christmas music from the radio, and the beautiful display of colorful lights sparkling in the Christmas tree. There was just nothing like it.

In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist had faithfully waited his entire life for the promised Savior to arrive. His whole life was spent preparing the way for Jesus and preparing people for the Messiah. What would it be like to spend your entire life waiting and preparing others for the promised Savior of the world and then, one day, it happens:

*The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*  
John 1:29

We can only imagine John's excitement when he looks up to find Jesus, the Savior of the world, approaching him. John anticipated this exact moment his entire life. The sights, the smells, and the sounds that engrossed that very moment were something John could never forget. Seeing Jesus was radically life-changing.

The excitement of waking up on Christmas morning could never compare to what John experienced on that day: the joy and amazement of the long-awaited Savior of the world walking towards him. Yet, we can engage this same Savior, Jesus Christ, every day with the same excitement and hope. Whether we are actively growing in our faith or not, the Christmas season presents multiple opportunities to encounter Jesus with intent and amazement.

*His entire life was spent preparing the way for Jesus.*

On this side of history, let it not be lost on us that we worship a living Savior who will return to establish His kingdom on earth fully. Our hearts anxiously wait for the moment we see Jesus break through the clouds (Revelation 1:7), and we will say, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

## WEEK ONE REFLECTION

Consider a time when you had to wait, expectantly, for something you really wanted (a present, pregnancy, the arrival of a friend, etc.).

### **How did attitudes and expectations change throughout? What was most difficult about waiting?**

Describe an encounter you've had with Jesus that was unforgettable.

### **Can you recall everything that was taking place around you (the sights, sounds, smells, etc.)? What was it, specifically, about your encounter with Jesus that was memorable?**

Read Hebrews 4:16. Spend time praying with gratitude that we have the ability to "approach" God's throne with confidence, and that He would hear us.

## WEEKLY ADVENT PRACTICE

With friends, family, or by yourself, spend a moment putting this week's focus into practice. Find a visible place in your home to host the advent candles and follow these steps:

1. Proclaim aloud, **"The first candle of Advent represents God's HOPE that was given to us through the birth of Jesus Christ and the promise of His return."**
2. Light the candle and allow the light to fill the room.
3. Read aloud Isaiah 9:2, **"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned."**
4. Take a moment and ask everyone, **"What are you hopeful this Christmas season?"**
5. Pray together aloud, **"Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus and anticipate His return, grant to us the light of your love so we have hope this Christmas season. Turn our hearts towards Jesus to be more like him in thought and devotion. And prepare our hearts with joy and gladness for your presence. For our hope is in Jesus alone. Amen."**
6. Finish your time by singing a Christmas carol together or listening to a Christmas playlist as you continue with your day. Allow the candle to stay lit for the rest of the time you are together as a reminder of God's hope this Advent season.



# LOVE

Week **Two**, December 3rd - 9th, 2023



## WEEKLY FOCUS

**LOVE** is not just a feeling or an expression. John 3:16 states that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth because God loves the world. Jesus is not a reaction to a fallen world or a feeling towards a wayward people.

Jesus is the full embodiment of God's love for His creation. We don't just feel God's love; we experience it!

## READING PLAN:

**DAY ONE:** Devotional, Reflection, and Advent Practice

**DAY TWO:** Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:7-8; Ephesians 4:2

**DAY THREE:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Matthew 22:37-39

**DAY FOUR:** Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 10:12

**DAY FIVE:** Colossians 3:14; Deuteronomy 6:5; Song of Solomon 8:7

**DAY SIX:** Psalm 136:26; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Micah 6:8

**DAY SEVEN:** Reflect on the week and catch up if needed

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

In just a few short weeks, the Christmas festivities will be calm and come to an end. All of the excitement of gifts under the Christmas tree, the sights and sounds of Christmas around the town will be packed away, and the smell of turkey, candles, and Aunt Jeanne's perfume will subside. And, another year of Christmas experiences and gifts will become a memory for next year.

The season spent in anticipation of a coming King, and the worship of a Messiah born in a manger, can fade as our focus is turned towards New Year's resolutions and goals for the future. The school semester is just over the horizon. And saving for that Summer vacation will become a priority. And all of this is okay in the grand scheme of things. The truth is that Christmas is not the end of the story. It's just the beginning.

Ahead of each of us are new stories, new transitions, and new growth. We'll face new celebrations and new tragedies. We'll welcome new people into our lives and say goodbye to others. There is a whole new chapter ahead of us that we have yet to experience following this Christmas season.

Advent is not meant to end. Instead, it's meant to show us what God is doing in and around us. It's another part of our journey that launches us further into God's story of redemption, victory, and love. The very love that is expressed through Jesus.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

This is the “reason for the season.” This is why a Messiah took his first breath in a manger. This is why the Savior of the world took His first steps with the help of Mary and Joseph. This is why he scraped his knee playing with friends around town. The reason He went to school and worked with his siblings in the family business. God became man and walked among His creation because He loved!

*[The Advent season] is meant to show us of all that God is doing in and around us.*

The story of Jesus is meant to continue after the holiday season. But so many of us lose track and momentum as we pack away the decorations. But, God’s love is eternal and enduring. It pushes us closer to Him with each passing day. It molds us and shapes us into the people we were meant to be. And it stirs inside of us, longing to be reunited in Jesus’s final return.

What if we made a commitment today to not let this Advent season stop. Instead, let it be a story of love that pushes on into the new year, looking forward to the imminent return of Jesus Christ. May we approach the following year with the same passion and desire to experience God daily. And let us look for opportunities to share this eager expectation and this story of God’s love with the world around us.

## WEEK TWO REFLECTION

Think of your most memorable Christmas experience.

**What made it memorable? Was there anything that came from that Christmas experience that carried over into future Christmas experiences or other areas in the following years?**

Read John 3:16-17. This verse tells us that Jesus came because he loved us and desired to restore our broken relationship that was caused by sin.

**How have you experienced God’s love in a new or different way this Christmas season? How can you share God’s love with others around you this Christmas season? What does it mean to you to eagerly anticipate the return of Jesus?**

## WEEKLY ADVENT PRACTICE

With friends, family, or by yourself, spend a moment putting this week’s focus into practice. Find a visible place in your home to host the advent candles and follow these steps:

1. Relight last week’s candle to remember God’s HOPE that’s been given to us through Jesus.
2. While lighting the second candle, proclaim aloud, **“This candle represents God’s LOVE which is fully completed in the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.”**
3. Take a moment and ask everyone, **“In what ways do you want to experience God’s love in the coming year?”**
4. Proclaim aloud John 15:13: **“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”**
5. Pray together aloud, **“Father in heaven, through the love of Christ, make each of us more into the image of your son, Jesus. May the hope, peace, joy, and love that we experience this Christmas season carry onward into coming seasons of life. Amen”**
6. Finish your time by singing a Christmas carol together, or listening to a Christmas playlist as you continue with your day. Allow the candles to stay lit for the rest of the time you are together as a reminder of God’s hope and love this Advent season.

# JOY

Week **Three**, December 10th - 16th, 2023



## WEEKLY FOCUS

JOY to the world. The Lord has come! No matter our circumstances, Jesus has come to give us hope and a future.

## READING PLAN:

**DAY ONE:** Devotional, Reflection, and Advent Practice

**DAY TWO:** Psalm 1; John 1:1-18; Luke 1:1-38

**DAY THREE:** Psalm 2; Luke 1:39-80

**DAY FOUR:** Psalm 3; John 1:19-28; Luke 2:1-7

**DAY FIVE:** Psalm 4; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:8-20

**DAY SIX:** Psalm 5; Matthew 2; Luke 2:21-40

**DAY SEVEN:** Reflect on the week and catch up if needed

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

There's a familiar artistic depiction of Jeremiah 29:11 that includes something similar to a peaceful and endless, ice-capped mountain range or an overwhelming meadow filled with blooming flowers and a stunning array of nature, or even a serene backdrop centered on the gentle doe sipping from a trickling creek bed in a quiet forest.

The picture is supposed to spark a sense of tranquility and peace in the viewer. Then, somewhere engraved on a copper plaque attached to the frame, it quotes the passage:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

Have you seen something like this before? This framed art may be a familiar sight for some of us, whether remembering something similar in the halls of a church when we were younger, for sale at 50% off at Hobby Lobby, in your grandmother's living room above the family piano, or hung on the wall in your own home.

No matter, it's meant to be a beautiful, artistic display of God's promise to His people from the book of Jeremiah. However, the picture and the scripture combined result in a false reality of the text and what is actually going on in Jeremiah.

If you were to read more into what is taking place in the book of Jeremiah and what is taking place with God's children, you quickly find that there is no stunning display and backdrop of nature, rushing water, sunsets, and prancing deer. Instead, you would see pictures of destruction, slavery, death, and exile.

God's promise of hope and a future was followed by a time of hopelessness and darkness for God's people. So, where exactly is the prosperity? Where is the protection? The hope and future?

*God calls His children to live richly in peace.*

From our place in history, though, we can see a different perspective of God's promise. We can determine that the "hope and future" was pointing to the cross of Jesus Christ. We can see that God's prosperity is the abundant life offered to each us through the life of Jesus Christ.

Looking back on God's promise in Jeremiah, the joy is in what God was pointing to - Jesus. That no matter what, God was not forsaking them or abandoning them. Rather that the picture hung in our homes would be of a hill with a cross and a Savior nailed to it. And at the bottom of that picture, the plaque reads, "And, surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

For some, the Christmas season is a reminder of family and friends, good health, and many blessings. But it can remind others of lost loved ones, illnesses, and lack of resources. Joy has been given in each circumstance, however. Whether we are thriving on the mountaintop or hurting deep in the valley, the words of hope and a future are just as relevant to us as they were to the Israelites.

No matter the picture we paint about God's promise, the promise remains the same for us. That joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King.

### **WEEK THREE REFLECTION**

Think of a time when you may have found yourself in a "valley" and life circumstances left you feeling hopeless and abandoned. How do you see God in hindsight working through the circumstances? Did you find joy in the middle of your circumstance?

**If you were to paint your own picture that represents God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11, what would it be? How would you express your current circumstances within the picture?**

Spend time praying for God to fill you with joy this Christmas season despite what may come tomorrow.

## WEEKLY ADVENT PRACTICE

With friends, family, or by yourself, spend a moment putting this week's focus into practice. Find a visible place in your home to host the advent candles and follow these steps:

1. Relight last two candles to remember God's HOPE and LOVE that's been given to us through Jesus.
2. While lighting the third candle, proclaim aloud, **"This candle represents God's JOY which is given to us through God's saving grace, His Son, Jesus Christ."**
3. Take a moment and ask everyone, **"What does joy look like to you? How would you explain to someone who doesn't know what joy is?"**
4. Read aloud Isaiah 9:6: **"For unto us a child is born, unto 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."**
5. Pray together aloud, **"Lord, thank you that you would send your only Son, Jesus, to earth to save us from sin. Help us to trust in Jesus fully, as you give us abundant peace. And keep us from overlooking your wonderful story of Christmas. Amen."**
6. Finish your time by singing a Christmas carol together, or listening to a Christmas playlist as you continue with your day. Allow the candles to stay lit for the rest of the time you are together as a reminder of God's hope, love, and joy this Advent season.

# PEACE

Week Four, December 17th - 23rd, 2023



## WEEKLY FOCUS

The word PEACE, in Hebrew, is “shalom,” meaning completeness, harmony, or well-being. By trusting in Jesus, we allow peace to reign in our hearts and overcome our home amid a disrupting world.

May we experience and discover God’s true peace this Christmas season.

## READING PLAN:

**DAY ONE:** Devotional, Reflection, and Advent Practice

**DAY TWO:** Hebrews 12:14-15; James 3:17-18

**DAY THREE:** Psalm 9; John 16:16-33

**DAY FOUR:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Micah 5:2-4

**DAY FIVE:** Isaiah 53:5-6; Psalm 6; Galatians 5:1-12, 22-25

**DAY SIX:** Isaiah 65:18-25; Psalm 111; Galatians 5:13-18

**DAY SEVEN:** Reflect on the week and catch up if needed

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

War, distrust, conflict, broken families, and decaying moral values are only a few things tainting our world daily. Yet during this time of the year, we inevitably begin hearing declarations of “peace on earth, goodwill towards men.” It seems that the idea of peace is too far from fulfillment and challenging to find in today’s dark world.

God calls His children, however, to live richly in peace with one another and in a relationship with Him. God’s promise to each of us is that the peace of Christ can rule in our hearts:

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

*Colossians 3:15-16*

Even if it seems unrealistic or unobtainable, the peace from the Father can rule in the hearts of Christians despite the disruption of the world around them. It is God’s promise of a Messiah, the birth of a King, the life of Jesus, and the cross of Christ, which work together in the hearts of Christians to manifest peace in the most trying of times.

The Christian’s actions and attitudes resemble the inner workings of the Holy Spirit, compelling each of us to rely entirely on the promises of God and the sanctifying works of Jesus on the cross. Being called to peace, we press onward to know God’s Word more and obey the commands of Jesus in all aspects of life.

For a Christian, it shouldn't be difficult to go through the Christmas season without being reminded of God's ultimate gift of peace that came through his Son, Jesus Christ – "he took our chastisement and bore our punishment willingly, so that by his wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). It can be tempting for us to look past the experience of Christmas and get caught up in the fast-paced current of a commercialized holiday. But we have the privilege of dwelling on the life-giving message of Jesus Christ and witnessing abundant peace reigning within our homes.

*God calls His children to live richly in peace.*

With great intent this Christmas season, allow yourself to slow down and meditate on the heralding call, "For unto us a Child is born" (Isaiah 9:6). Instead of busying ourselves with tasks, may we find solace in each evening to recall our own stories of faith in the Father and discover new hope for his return. May our prayers be sincere, echoing the cry of our Savior, "not my will, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

### WEEK FOUR REFLECTION

Think of a time when you undoubtedly experienced "the peace of Christ" in your life. Also, explore what items in your life may be keeping you from experiencing this same peace right now. Right them down and prayerfully work to remove these distractions.

**Is there someone you know this Christmas season who is feeling overcome by the disruption of the world around them and could benefit from your compassion and gentle reminder of God's hope and peace?**

Spend time praying for God to provide moments of solace during the busyness of the Christmas season, reminding you of his presence in your life and how he is growing you.

### WEEKLY ADVENT PRACTICE

With friends, family, or by yourself, spend a moment putting this week's focus into practice. Find a visible place in your home to host the advent candles and follow these steps:

1. Relight the last three candles to remember God's HOPE, LOVE, and JOY that's been given to us through Jesus.
2. While lighting the fourth candle, proclaim out-loud, "This candle represents God's PEACE which is given to us through God's saving grace, His Son, Jesus Christ."
3. Take a moment and ask everyone, "In what areas of your life do you want to see the peace of God reign?"
4. Read aloud Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto 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."
5. Pray together out loud, "Lord, thank you that you would send your only Son, Jesus, to earth to save us from sin. Help us to trust in Jesus fully, as you give us abundant peace. And keep us from overlooking your wonderful story of Christmas. Amen."
6. Finish your time by singing a Christmas carol together, or listening to a Christmas playlist as you continue with your day. Allow the candles to stay lit for the rest of the time you are together as a reminder of God's hope, love, joy, and peace this Advent season.

# Christmas

December 24th & 25th

## TODAY'S FOCUS

Christmas is here. In the stillness of the night, the world was radically transformed by the arrival of a Savior, Jesus. And with his arrival comes hope, love, joy, and peace. May you be fulfilled in the goodness of God, displayed through Jesus.

## TODAY'S ADVENT PRACTICE

With friends, family, or by yourself, spend a moment putting today's focus into practice. Find a visible place in your home to host the advent candles and follow these steps:

1. Relight the last three candles to remember God's HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE that's been given to us through Jesus.
2. While lighting the fifth candle, proclaim out-loud, **"Jesus has come. Salvation has arrived. And we are being restored. Praise God for whom all blessings flow."**
3. Read aloud Luke 2:10-11: **"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"**
4. Pray together out loud, **"Father, give us hope in what is to come. Allow us to experience your love deeper with each passing day. Fill us with joy knowing you are here with us. And bring about peace to our hearts that we may know you better. Amen"**
5. Finish your time by singing a Christmas carol together, or listening to a Christmas playlist as you continue with your day. Allow the candles to stay lit for the rest of the time you are together as a reminder of God's hope, love, joy, and peace this Advent season.

Merry Christmas!



# Thank you!

Thank you for participating in Lighthouse Church's 2023 Advent Devotional.

This year's Advent Devotional was truly a special one, filled with daily reflections, prayers, and inspirational messages that reminded us of the true reason for the season. It was a time to reflect on the gift of Jesus Christ and to prepare our hearts for His coming.

As we move forward into the new year, let us carry the lessons we learned during this Advent season with us. Let us continue to seek God's presence and guidance in our lives, and let us strive to be beacons of hope and love to ALL PEOPLE.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes, and may the new year bring you renewed hope and strength.

Thank you once again for joining us in this journey of faith and reflection. We look forward to where God leads us in 2024.

- Your Lighthouse Staff Team