

• **What is the Candle of Peace for the Second Week of Advent?**

- One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in [Luke 2:14](#).
- Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way.
- But Jesus had something else in mind. As mentioned in [this article](#), Jesus brings us peace in a number of ways.
- First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace ([John 14:27](#)). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our [assurance of salvation](#), but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.
- Second, as mentioned in the article above, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences (7), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.
- The Hebrew word for peace: *Shalom*, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it. As pointed out in the book *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*, shalom is, in essence, how things are meant to be: a slice of heaven.
- The [peace of God](#) allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom.
- Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to [trust in God's promises](#) ([Proverbs 3:5](#)), through restful, tranquil faith,

despite the dark, scary world around us.

SERVICES:

DECEMBER 24th will be 10am.

DECEMBER 25th will be 10am.

ORDER OF SERVICE
HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome
Opening prayer

WORSHIPPING
Through music.

Stand, sit, sing loud or quiet. This is a time to draw close to the Lord. Let the spirit fill you up and know His grace and Love.

KOINONIA

All of us are broken. We come together to bring praises and requests before the Lord, as He is the only one who can fix us.

Offering as a form of worship

Message today:
I hope or I pray

Romans 15:13-Hebrews 11:1-Deuteronomy
3:16-2 Corinthians 4:16-18

WORSHIPPING

With music and song as we again sing to the
Lord
Closing prayer and blessing