

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

## Advent Wreath Lighting

Lord, here is the hope!

You have sent us to proclaim the good news to the oppressed,

**We are all called to to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives**

Let us proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

**You comfort all who mourn, and give us the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

You promise to repair the ruins! Live into peace.

**We live into Peace, Loving God!**

Jesus, as we see fighting

and lies and hatred.

Show us peace,

not as a passive thing

but as the power to

acknowledge each and

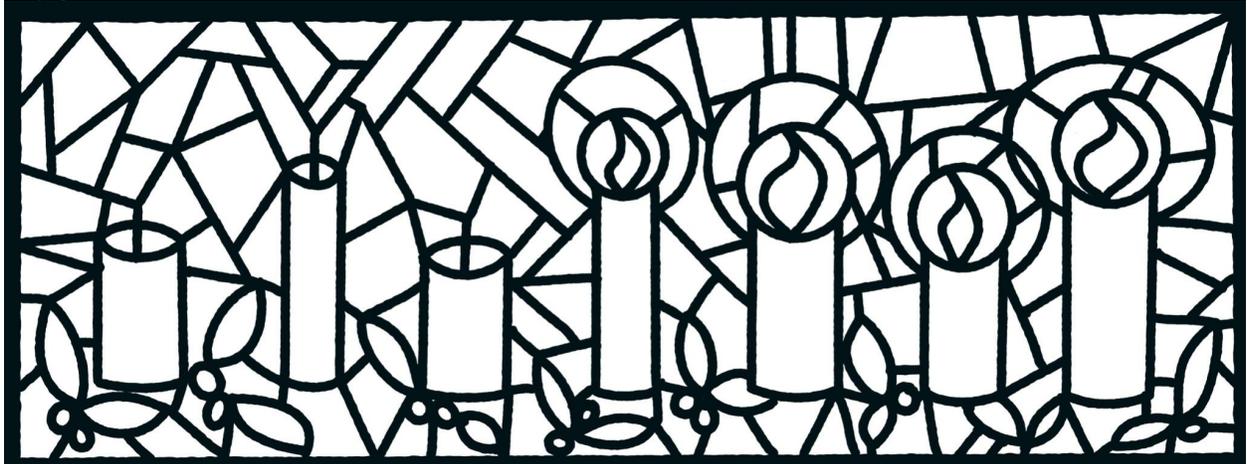
every creature's mutual worth

**Help us to live into Peace**

**every time we wait for Jesus,**

**we pray.**

**Amen**



## *Live to Tell the Story: Peace*

**Activity:** Create a “place of peace” or a “peace practice” for yourself, that you can easily access anytime you need to pray. Pick a spot, like your bed or a favorite chair, or even a nearby park bench. Choose practice to begin and end your time. This might mean starting with a mindful body scan and ending with the Lord’s Prayer, lighting a candle, or singing a favorite hymn verse. Enter your “place of peace” regularly, adapting it when you discover what does and doesn’t work for you.

**Reflection Questions:** *The prophet Isaiah says that we “will beat swords into plowshares”? What are the swords of our day? What other tools have we weaponized that damage our peace? Make a list. Choose one item on that list specifically and consider how you can reshape it into a plowshare and harvest peace?*

**Closing Prayer:** God of peace, you invite us to dwell in your Word and cling to the hope of peace. Be with all who are caught up in conflicts around the world and in their personal lives. Grant comfort to those who are afraid and wisdom to leaders, and give us the courage to be peacemakers in our own lives. Amen.

**Mid-Week Gathering:**

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-6:45pm

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