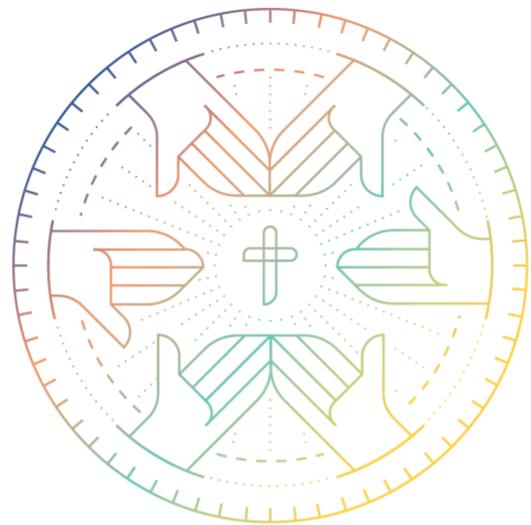


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What's the most dramatic gender reveal you've ever heard of or experienced?

OR

On a scale of 1-10, 10 being highly personal each day, how personal is your faith to your everyday life? Describe why you chose that number.

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

What has helped this Advent season to become more personal to you? (e.g., David's Advent messages, the Advent kit, an Advent devotional, a special nativity scene, etc.)

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Isaiah 9:6-7.

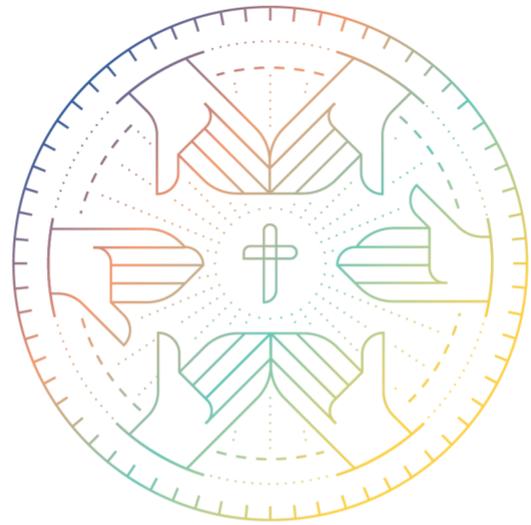
What does it mean that the Christ-child was given "to us"? How does that impact the way you view Jesus day-to-day?

What aspect of Jesus' nature do you need most today? Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father or Prince of Peace?

What appeals most to you about a kingdom of justice and righteousness that will last forevermore?

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Read Romans 5:1, Ephesians 4:1-3, and Philippians 4:6-7. Discuss the various kinds of peace that Jesus brings into our life. Are there other Scriptures regarding peace from God that come to mind?

Read John 7:53-8:11. How do you see the personal nature of Jesus apparent in this situation? How does Jesus demonstrate to everyone, including the woman caught in adultery, that he longs to bring people into the peace of God rather than see them continue in judgment, self-righteousness or sin?

APPLICATION (20 MINUTES)

Note the three kinds of peace that come into our lives through Jesus in Romans 5:1, Ephesians 4:1-3, and Philippians 4:6-7.

Discuss ways you might increase your experience of peace in these areas of your life during this Advent season and beyond.

PRAYER

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, you are our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Counsel us in how to walk more closely with you. Be mighty in your Lordship over our lives. Teach us that you are a good and gracious heavenly Father. Bring your Shalom into our lives and our being, so that we are immovable in our trust in you. Prepare our hearts with great joy this week for the celebration of Christmas. Amen.