

DECEMBER 7, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



Advent is a season of peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord
Monday	Isaiah 11:1-10	The peaceful kingdom
Tuesday	Romans 15:4-13	Good news for Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Thursday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16	Final greeting of peace
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	A prayer for guidance for the king
Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who bring hope to the world, guide our steps to walk in your way of peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for this food. May this gift of love strengthen us to live lives of hope and peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of hope fill you with peace. (Romans 15:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come Now, O Prince of
Peace*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you are concerned about or that worries you?
- Jesus comes to bring peace. How do you experience the peace that Jesus brings?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:1-12.

In the Bible the wilderness is a place of repentance, cleansing, and renewal. With John the Baptist, something quite dramatic is happening in the wilderness: preparing for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. The coming of Jesus represents the ultimate experience of repentance, cleansing, and renewal by living in a way that bears good fruit and that shows love for God and neighbor. John sounds harsh with words of judgment, not peace and hope. However, God's work of judgment is its own act of preparation and renewal. God's judgment promises to put an end to sin, death, and evil. That is our great hope.

Discuss: In the world today, where do you look for God's power of renewal and peace?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, come into our lives and cleanse us of all that is within us that is not part of your kingdom of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bear good fruit and show kindness to those in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This week light two candles on the Advent wreath: the Candle of Hope and the Candle of Peace. The Candle of Peace reflects God's peaceful kingdom.

Leader: This is the second week of Advent. Advent means *coming*. We are waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Let us light the Candles of Hope and Peace.

[Light two candles]

All: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

Leader: Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives us peace.

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope and peace. May we walk in the light of the Lord and live in peace with all that you have made. Amen.



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