

# Historic White Marsh Church

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

**Hymn ~ 249**      **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–14      Noelle Torgerson

**Hymn ~ 277**      **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Prayer & Praise

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Kids Talk      Jean Bryan

Special Music: Alleluia, Christ Is Born!      Alabaster Grace

Sermon: "Jesus Christ: Prince of Peace"      Pastor Brad

**Hymn ~ 254**      **Isn't He?**

Benediction & Postlude

## **Visitors:**

**Welcome to our church!** Please fill out the visitor card at your pew, then give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the offering box.

**Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM**

**Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

## **Jesus Christ: Prince of Peace**

### **The Peace Promised — Old Testament Foundations**

This Peace-Bringer is coming, Isaiah says, and when He comes, shalom will come with Him. (Isaiah 26:3, 9:6)

### **The Peace Announced — The New Testament Fulfillment**

The Prince of Peace has arrived. Not in a palace. Not surrounded by guards. Not received by dignitaries. (Luke 2:8, 10, 14)

### **The Peace Provided — What Christ Accomplishes**

There is a difference between **peace with God** (salvation, reconciliation) and the **peace of God** (the inner calm and stability that only He provides). (Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:21; Philippians 4:7)

### **The Peace Experienced — How We Can Live in It Today**

- Peace comes through trusting God's character.
- Peace comes through surrender, not control.
- Peace comes through prayer and thanksgiving.
- Peace comes through the presence of Christ. (John 14:27)

### **The Peace Shared — Extending Peace to Others**

Peacemakers move toward brokenness with Christlike love and truth. (Matthew 5:9)

### **The Peace Awaited — Future Peace and Our Final Hope**

What began in a manger will be completed when Christ returns. (Isaiah 9:7; Revelation 21:4)

### **Some Practical Applications for Daily Living**

- Begin each day by fixing your mind on God.
- Practice surrender.
- Replace worry with prayer.
- Speak peace into your home.
- Bring peace to someone else.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What circumstances make it difficult for you to experience peace?
2. Why is it significant that the angels appeared to shepherds and not to kings?
3. How does Jesus redefine your understanding of peace?
4. What is one area of your life where you tend to hold control instead of trusting God?

**Announcements for December 7, 2025:**

**Thank you for attending the “Christmas Means Love” Concert!  
Also, thank you for the delicious reception!**

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 9 at 1 p.m.

**Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers.** Join us at Historic White Marsh for prayer on **Wednesday, December 10, at 5 p.m.**

Please see Sandi Sutherland if you would like to volunteer or sign up for the **Children’s Christmas Craft program, now rescheduled at White Stone Methodist on Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**The Lancaster Community Library Bookmobile** will be here on **Friday, December 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**On Sunday, December 21,** the Torgerson children will present a special Christmas play, **“A Little Ragamuffin Christmas,”** which they wrote, during the worship service. The service will also feature special Christmas music presented by members of our church family. Please see Joanie if you would like to share a special song!

**Friendship Fellowship** on Sunday, December 21, following the worship service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** December 24 at 7 p.m.

**Tithes & Offerings:** Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM: 9:15-9:30 AM