

*Jesus Is The  
Light Of The World*

**ADVENT WEEK 3: PEACE**



*Welcome to Long Beach Alliance Church*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024**

OH SING TO THE LORD A  
NEW SONG; SING TO THE  
LORD ALL THE EARTH!  
PSALM 96



One practice left!  
December 21, 9AM-10AM

Contact: Scott 562.972.5306 or Justin (562.754.7163)



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24  
6PM

Family Service  
No childcare available

# Year-End Giving

All giving for the  
2024 calendar year  
must be postmarked by



# LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

Beginning Balance September 1, 2024: \$28,084.48

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
November 2024:	\$58,798.52	\$49,850.64	84.8%
Year-to-Date:	\$191,095.19	\$181,859.73	95.2%
Disbursed YTD: \$185,469.35		GF Balance: \$24,474.86	

Financial Gifts can be placed in the locked box in the Sanctuary lobby or given to an usher.  
You can also use any of the options viewable online at <https://lbac.org/give>

# PEACEFILLED LIVING

Long Beach Alliance Church • Advent Week #3

December 15, 2024 • Pastor Chris Lankford

John 14:27-29; Romans 3:10-18, 5:1-9

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1) JESUS CHRIST PROVIDES PEACE

2) JESUS CHRIST PROVIDES EVERLASTING PEACE

3) JESUS CHRIST PROVIDES SECURITY

## Advent: “Candle of Peace” A Meditation

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of **Peace**.

When we hear the word, “Peace” we shake our heads and wonder if it’s even possible. **We want peace**, but we doubt it will happen anytime soon. Worldly peace seems to be an elusive notion.

In John’s gospel Jesus offers a peace that is not like any peace the world knows. Jesus says, **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”** Jesus makes this promise as he prepares for his death and return to his Father. “Not as the world gives...” this peace is different.

**First**, the peace Jesus **leaves belongs to him**, **“MY peace I give you.”** Think about the depth of that statement! (pause...) **“My peace I give you.”** The very peace that filled Jesus even in the moments before he gave himself on the cross, if available for you!

**Second**, Jesus says his peace is not like the world’s peace. The world’s peace is fragile because it is dependent on people agreeing and practicing certain behaviors. His peace is not dependent on circumstances. We don’t need to be having a good life or even a good day to have peace. **It is dependent on Jesus**, what he alone can do. It is dependent on His ability to fulfill the promises already given, and his track record of accomplishment. It is woven into the redemptive work of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The peace Jesus is offering is the **better peace** that is durable, because it is built on his eternal nature. It is unyielding because it is tied to **his** steadfast love.

In Philippians, Paul the apostle calls this peace that Jesus gives, **“the peace that passes understanding.”** From the world’s perspective, it doesn’t make sense to feel at peace when it looks like things are falling apart. But that is the very essence of the peace from Jesus. It is true peace because it solves the greatest disruption of peace, **the sin in our human hearts!**

Jesus, the **Prince of Peace** ushers a peace into our hearts that restores our relationships with each other and creation, but more importantly, with our Father in heaven.

Jesus gives us the **best peace!** And it is available for all who believe in him.

This is the peace the world needs.

**Father**, today as we light this third candle, we give You thanks and praise for the peace that You have offered to us in Your Son Jesus. May we allow this gift of His peace to fill our hearts to full capacity, even to overflow, that we too might become peacemakers, blessed by You and known by the world as Your children.

# LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Weekly Schedule

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

## Sunday, December 15

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 5:30PM Children's Musical Practice
- 7:00PM Children's Christmas Musical

## Monday, December 16

- 7:00PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts
- 7:00PM Pure Desire Ministry Meeting
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

## Tuesday, December 17

- 7:00PM Middle/High School Youth Group
- 7:00PM Men's Bible Study @ the Millers

## Wednesday, December 18

- 6:30PM AWANA

## Thursday, December 19

- 9:30AM Women's Bible Study @ the Millers
- 5:00PM Lydia House Women's Outreach
- 7:00PM Betrayal and Beyond @ the Eberhart's
- 7:00PM Youth Christmas Party

## Friday, December 20

- 8:00AM Men's In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
- 7:30PM Betrayal & Beyond Mtg @ Eberharts
- 8:00PM NA In-Person Meeting

## Saturday, December 21

- 10:00AM Crafty Women

## Sunday, December 22

- 9:30AM Gospel Project: Children's Ministry
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration Service
- 12:30PM Elders & Wives Christmas Luncheon

## MISSIONS

**Information Coming Soon!**

## LIFE GROUPS

Contact: [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)  
Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**LBAC Children's Ministries!**

Sunday Mornings:  
Gospel Project @ 9:30AM

## AWANA

**LBAC AWANA**

Wednesday Nights September-May

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**LBAC Youth Ministries!**  
**LBAC Youth Instagram Page**  
Every Tuesday Night @ 7:00PM

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**LBAC Women's Ministry!**  
Women's Ministry Event Information  
Contact: [office@lbac.org](mailto:office@lbac.org)

Lydia House Meals Ministry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

Women Connecting with Missions  
Contact Kathie Metz: [kathiemetz@msn.com](mailto:kathiemetz@msn.com)

Crafty Women  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

**LBAC Men's Ministry!**  
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