

Calendar for this week

Today

9:15 am Bible Study Classes *via Zoom*
10:30 am Morning Worship *live and online*

Wednesday

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study *via Zoom*

Saturday

8:00 am Ladies Acct. Group *in recess*



Leading Our
Community To
Follow Jesus

Announcements, etc.

Adopt-a-Family

We have received our family information for ten children and five adults. The gift tags are up on the foyer bulletin board. If you are in attendance you may select gift tags after the worship service, if you are worshipping online, you may need to drop by the church during the week and pick your tags. Gifts should be purchased, wrapped, and returned to the church office by Wed., Dec. 16. We will deliver the gifts to our two families starting at 7:00p on Thur., Dec. 17.

**Business Meeting
next Sunday at five**

Advent

Today is the second of the four Sundays of **Advent**, leading up to Christmas Eve. Today's theme is **PEACE**. The coming of Christ made possible peace between man and God.

**Candlelight Service
6:30p on Christmas Eve.**

Deacons

David Cobb 620-210-1584
Gary Edwards 456-1303
John Mixer 539-6374
Robert Murphy 564-2526
Jack Rader 776-1974

Bible Readers in 2020

This week you will finish reading Paul's letter to the Romans and begin the reading about his journey to Rome.



International Missions

This Sunday is the second in our emphasis on international missions and our gifts (called the **Lottie Moon Offering**) toward that end. The mission emphasis will be for three Sundays, but you may give to the offering throughout December. We ask you to join with our church in prayer concerning the lost of our world and what God is leading you to give to reach them. This is one of the ways we have of letting the world know of the **PEACE** that Jesus Christ, our Savior, can bring into the lives of those who follow Him.

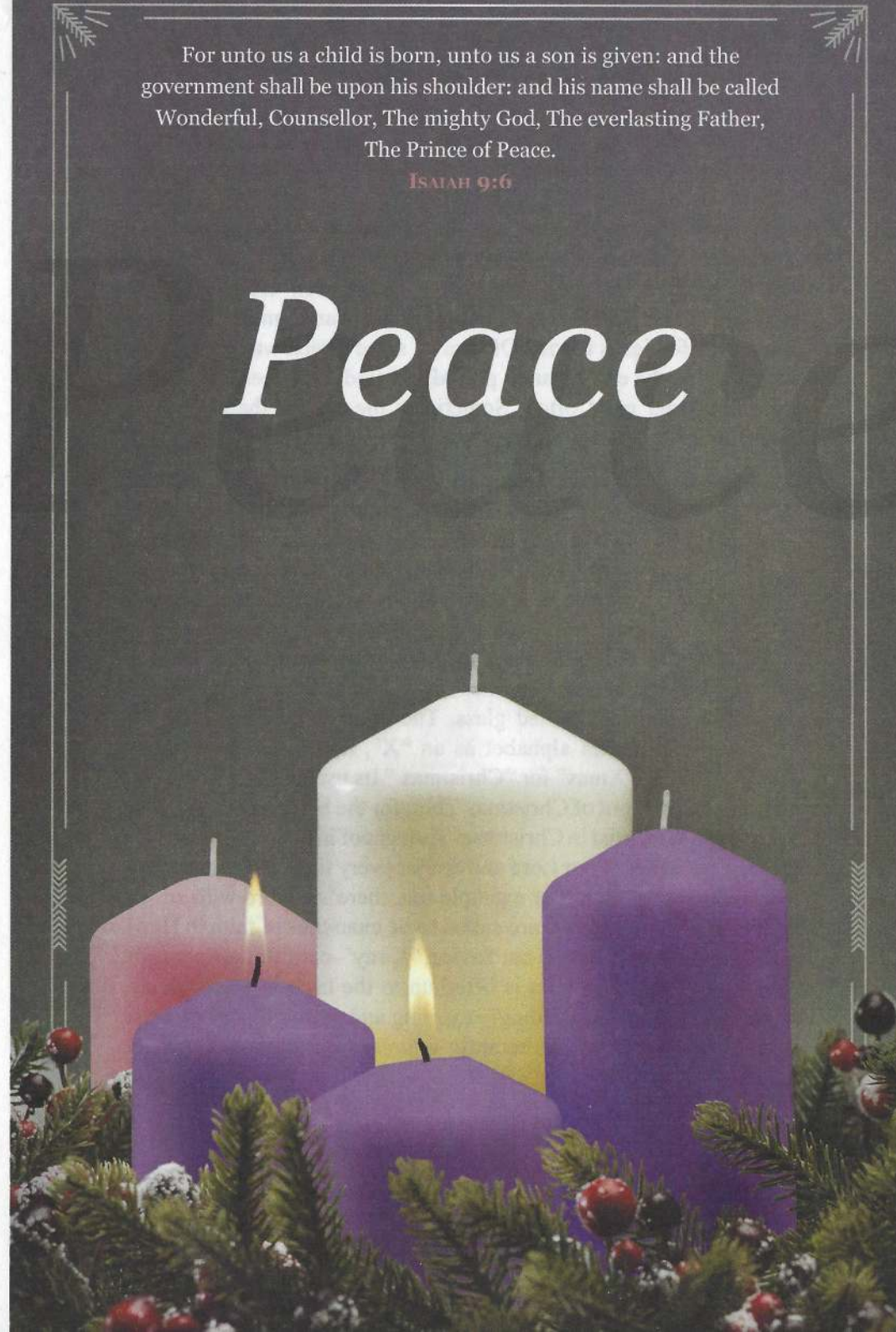
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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

Peace



Symbols of the Christ

Symbols have been an important element of Christianity since the first century. They have been used for their educational value, as an aid in worship, and even, at times, as secret codes of the faith. An effective symbol should draw attention, not to itself, but to the message—not a bad idea for Christians to apply to themselves! As a result, symbols are often silhouettes, or very simple shapes, or even crudely drawn. Christians have often used abbreviations and monograms as “shorthand” for Jesus Christ. Of course, since Greek was the “lingua franca” during the early church period, we find the Greek alphabet to be the one used most often. Sometimes the use of the equivalent English characters is a little confusing or misleading.



Chi Rho

Chief among early Christian monograms was the Greek letters Chi (χ) and Rho (ρ). These are the first two letters of the Greek word “Christ,” and they really more of an abbreviation than a monogram. It was used as decoration in architecture, on banners and jewelry much as crosses are used today. Chi-Rho continues to be popular and is often used in modern churches for banners, furniture decoration, and stained glass. The letter Chi is shown in the Latin alphabet as an “X”, hence the abbreviation “Xmas” for “Christmas.” Its use in this way doesn’t really take “Christ out of Christmas”, but, for the believer at least, is an abbreviation for Christ in Christmas. Thought of in this way, you might use it as a reminder of our Lord and Savior every time you come across a word with an “x” in it. For example (oh, there’s a word with an ‘x’, Christ is our example & we are called to be examples of faith in Him), ‘excellent’—how excellent is our Savior, ‘X-ray’—our Lord can see right through us, ‘exalted’—Christ is lifted up to the highest heavens, etc. You may find this an exceedingly exciting and extraordinary exercise in exploiting words to exuberantly express your love for χριστός (Christ)!

Our church’s Christmas tree is decorated with a number of Christian symbols. If you get a chance you might look at them. Children are often interested in them since they are shown more or less on their level of artistic ability and understanding.



Welcome to
the Morning Worship of the
College Heights Baptist Church
on December the sixth, 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Service begins at 10:30 AM

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth *peace* to men on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:14

Prelude with Announcements

Music “Joy to the World”

Welcome & Announcements

Lentz Upshaw

Evangelism Class Presentations

Robert Murphy

Scripture & Prayer

Psalm 32

Music

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
“Offering (Christmas version)”

Mission Testimony

Mitchell & Emma B.

Message

“Wonderful Counselor”
(Isaiah 9:6)

Lentz Upshaw

Response

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Postlude

Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature;
the Eternal Love humbling itself,
clothing itself in the garb of meekness and gentleness,
to win and serve and save us.

ANDREW MURRAY (1828-1917)