## **Peace in the Heart of Christmas**

Luke 2:8-14 // Colossians 1:19-22 // Matthew 5:9

Sunday, December 8, 2024 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

| SERMON OUTLINE                        |    |  | HOW TO APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? |  |
|---------------------------------------|----|--|-------------------------------|--|
| I. THE PEACE OF GOD IS FOR ALL PEOPLE |    |  |                               |  |
|                                       | Α. | The announcement of Jesus' birth was not         |                               |  |
|                                       |    | to kings and queens but to the <b>poor</b> and   |                               |  |
|                                       |    | forgotten. (Luke 2:8–9)                          |                               |  |
|                                       | В. | The divine message was good news for all         |                               |  |
|                                       |    | because a baby had been born who was             |                               |  |
|                                       |    | the long-awaited <b>Messiah</b> . (Luke 2:10–11) |                               |  |
|                                       | C. | Jesus would usher in peace. (Luke 2:13–          | SERMON NOTES                  |  |
|                                       |    | 14)  |                               |  |
| II.                                   | JE | JESUS RECONCILES US TO GOD                       |                               |  |
|                                       | A. | Jesus' sacrifice on the cross pays for the       |                               |  |
|                                       |    | sin we have committed, making <b>peace</b>       |                               |  |
|                                       |    | possible between us and God. (Col. 1:20)         |                               |  |
|                                       | В. | Being <b>reconciled</b> to God is the key to     |                               |  |
|                                       |    | experiencing peace in every other area of        |                               |  |
|                                       |    | our lives. (Col. 1:22)                           |                               |  |
| III. PEACE IS OUR PURPOSE             |    |  |                               |  |
|                                       | A. | People who have the peace of God in              |                               |  |
|                                       |    | their heart are called to share that peace       |                               |  |
|                                       |    | with others. (Matt. 5:9)                         |                               |  |
|                                       | В. | We find peace at the heart of Christmas          |                               |  |
|                                       |    | because God desires us to be in right            |                               |  |
|                                       |    | relationship with Him, with ourselves, and       |                               |  |
|                                       |    | with others.                                     |                               |  |



**NEXT WEEK: Advent Week #3** The Heart of Christmas Brings Joy

John 1:14 // Romans 5:8 // 1 John 4:9



THEOLOGICAL FOCUS: THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS'S BIRTH WAS DELIVERED BY HEAVENLY ANGELS TO SHEPHERDS OFFERING PEACE TO THE EARTH FOR THOSE ON WHOM GOD'S FAVOR RESTED—THAT OFFER EXTENDS TO US TODAY AS WELL.