



We exist to **HONOR** God, to **HELP** people grow in the grace of Jesus, and to **EQUIP** them for their purpose in God's Kingdom.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

January 18, 2026

The Lord's Day

Preparation & Prelude

The doctrine of the gospel is a lively mirror in which we contemplate the image of God, and are transformed into the same. – John Calvin

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:17-18, 21

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

All: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

All: **and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns of Adoration

And Can It Be, Hymn 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. *Refrain*

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for all his chosen race!

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Refrain*

***Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*, Hymn 598**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Confession of Sin

Romans 3:23

All: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:22b-25

Leader: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Hymn of Assurance

Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
by the blood, you have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters,
our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Chorus 1 Now to the Lamb upon the throne, be blessing, honor, glory, power,
for the battle You have won. Hallelujah! Amen. *(continued)*

O Most High, dwelling among us, son of man, sent for sinners,
by Your blood, you have redeemed us, spotless lamb, mighty Savior
who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Chorus 2 Now to the Lamb upon the throne, be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle you have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels
in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
on that day, who will not tremble when you stand Christ the Victor,
who was and is and is forever. *Chorus 2* twice

Sing the victory of the Lamb Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

Welcome & Church Life

Pastoral & Offering Prayer

Pastor Chris Florence

Offering & Offertory

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Hymn 679

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Doxology, Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

When Joy Is Complete

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:1-6, Pew Bible p. 1021

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Song of Rejoicing

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will
and if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed, you suffered in my place,
you bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Chorus Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be yours alone and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose
and let my song forever be my only boast is you. *Chorus* twice

Benediction

Postlude

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Sermon Notes

Sermon Questions

1. How is the substitutionary atonement (**1 John 2:1**) on the cross a work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Where do you find Scriptural support for the work of the cross being Trinitarian?
2. Where do American Christians tend to find assurance that they are in a relationship with Jesus? How does that differ from what John teaches in **1 John 2:1-6**?
3. Robert Yarbrough writes, "In popular Christian religion of modern times, the impression is sometimes given that...salvation alters the destiny of the soul someday but not necessarily the behavior of the body today ("Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven"...)." How does that quote hit you? How is it different from what John writes?
4. How does **1 John 2:3-6** relate to **Matt. 18:15-20** and **1 Cor. 5:9-13**?
5. What sins do you think most modern American Christians don't consider stopping in themselves? Why do you think that is?
6. Read **1 Thess. 2:13**. How did the Spirit put "the word of God... at work in you..." through the preaching and reading of this passage?

Missionary Prayer

Larry & Debbie Wilson Serving with Lighthouse Ministries

Lighthouse Ministries is a local (Cary) ministry that provides Christian/biblical counsel for all ages, stages, individuals, and families. Pray for mental acumen and spiritual discernment as they counsel people to know how to walk with God through personal storms.

Pray the people they see learn relationship skills that build strong relationships with others and with God.

Pray for the editor to do quality work in publishing and marketing Debbie's new book, "Big Hurt, Bigger God."

Edi & Bona Demo Serving with the Illyricum Movement in Albania

Pray for Edi and Bona Demo serving with the Illyricum Organization in Albania.

Praise God that their younger son Sion has been accepted at The Master's University (TMU). He will join his older brother who is as upperclassman.

Pray for Bona. She has experienced many side effects from the recent therapy she received in the U.S. Starting in February, she will also need to receive monthly infusions in Italy to help control her body's rejection of the kidney. Pray that her body will not reject her new kidney.

December Giving



Week At-a-Glance

- January 18** Morning Worship | 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
NEW Sunday School Class Begins — *Parenting Our Adult Children*
Officer Nominations Begin
Missions Prayer Time | 4:15 p.m., Library
Youth Group | 5:15 p.m., dinner in Fellowship Hall
Peacemakers (2nd–5th grade)
5:30 p.m., Lower Playground (Playtime)
6 p.m., Sanctuary
Friendmakers (Age 4–1st Grade) | 6 p.m., Music Room
Joymakers (Ages 2-3) | 6 p.m., Room C107
Adult Community Groups | 6 p.m.
- 24** Soloists Luncheon | 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- 25** Morning Worship | 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

Fellowship Dinner | Feb. 1, 5 p.m.

Join us for a Fellowship Dinner with your fellow Peace members. We will be having soup and sides. Evening children's and youth events will still be meeting. **Register your attendance by Jan. 29.**

- * Register for the dinner and sign up to bring sides at peacepca.org/fellowship-dinner.
- * If you have questions, contact Darcie Innes at wolfpackfans13@gmail.com.

Sending Love to Our College Students This Valentine's Day

Peace Church would like to show their love to your college student by remembering them this Valentine's Day. Parents, if you would like your college student to receive a Valentine from Peace, you must sign them up by **Jan. 20.**

- * Sign up your college student to receive a Valentine at peacepca.org/valentines.

Officer Nominations Begin Today

The nomination period will be from **Jan. 18–Feb. 1** for Peace members to nominate candidates for the offices of **Deacon** and **Elder**. Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to nominate someone.

Caring for One Another This Flu Season

The flu virus this year is proving to be strong and long-lasting. As we navigate this season, let us be diligent in caring for one another. If you or a family member are feeling ill, please stay home, recover, and take advantage of our 11 a.m. worship service livestream.

- * To watch the livestream, go to peacepca.org/livestream.

Preschool Part-Time Assistant Positions Open (2 & 3-Year-Old Classes)

If you are a professing Christian who would like a part-time job working with young children in a loving, fun, creative workplace, consider joining our team! This is a great part-time job for mothers with school-aged children.

- * Hours are approximately 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2-3 times a week.
- * For more info or to apply, contact Jennifer McGehee at jennifer@peacepca.org.

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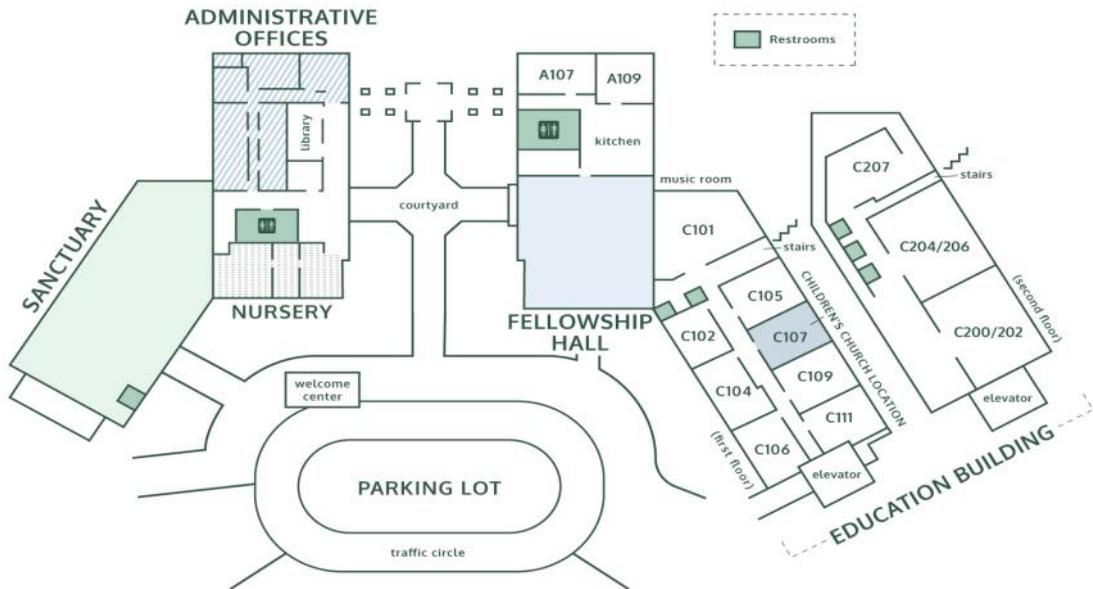
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PEACE KIDS Sunday School

2 & 3 Year Olds—Room C105/C107
 4, 5 Year Olds & Kindergarten—Rm C109/C111
 Grades 1 & 2—Room C104
 Grades 3 & 4—Room C106
 Grade 5—Room C102

PEACE YOUTH Sunday School

Grades 6-8—Room C200/C202
 Grades 9-12 boys—C204/206
 Grades 9-12 girls—C101 Music Room

Nursery & Children’s Church

As a reminder, during worship services and Sunday school, we offer Nursery (for infants and toddlers) in the rooms adjacent to the sanctuary. Children’s Church (for ages PK2-kindergarten) is available at any time during the worship services in Room C107.

Wiggly Children?

We welcome your children as they learn to worship with you in the sanctuary! But if their wiggles are too much for you, we have additional locations on-site to hear the service:

- Cry Room, at the back of the sanctuary
- Nursing Rooms, inside the infant nursery
- The Cove, across from the bathrooms

ADULT Sunday School

The Bible Class

Maybe you have heard of “The Roman Road” as a method for evangelism. The idea is to take a person through Romans, examining key verses about the Gospel. Paul’s letter to the church in Rome is Paul’s most outstanding teaching of the Gospel. Romans is a treasure of rich theological truth, providing not only how to know the forgiveness of sin but also what to believe about God and how to be changed by the Holy Spirit. Led by Bill Stern. (C207)

Gospel of John

Written by “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” John masterfully unfolds the story of salvation from the beginning. He stresses Jesus’ deity so his readers would believe Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, and would experience new life and the forgiveness of sins. Led by Pastor Domin. (Music Room)

Parenting Our Adult Children: How Does That Work?

As parents, we never stop parenting. Once they leave home and establish their own lives, how do we navigate those changes and continue to build a relationship with our adult children? A study using “Doing Life With Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut & the Welcome Mat Out.” Led by a team of parents with adult children. (Fellowship Hall)

For those new to Peace, welcome!

Visit peacepca.org to learn more about the mission and ministries of Peace Church.

Sermon Schedule

When Joy Is Complete Sermon Series

January 26	1 John 2:7-14
February 1	1 John 2:15-17
February 8	1 John 2:18-27
February 15	1 John 2:28-3:10
February 22	1 John 3:11-24
March 1	1 John 4:1-6

Giving Options

Online giving through the **Church Center app** is available. Visit peacepca.org/giving for details.

Be aware that a *3% processing fee* is charged to Peace when giving via credit card.

Traditional giving methods are always accepted. Should you wish to mail a check, use the following address to send it to our secure box:

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