Peace CHURCH

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

November 8, 2026

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

Find out more about Peace at **peacepca.org/about**.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
No Sunday school or evening activities.

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
PeaceKids Christmas program (10 a.m.)
No Sunday school or evening activities.

December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sounds of Peace Concert (6 p.m.), followed by a reception of Cocoa & Cookies

December 24 – Christmas Eve
Services (4 p.m. & 6 p.m.)

Full schedule at **peacepca.org/advent**.

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

Andrew & Laura Kate Lupton
Mission to the World, Norway

Larry & Debbie Wilson
Lighthouse Ministries

CHILDREN

Sunday School
Every Sunday, 9:45 a.m. in the Ed. building

Cry Room
Back of the sanctuary

Nursery (for infants & toddlers)
During worship services & Sunday school

Children's Church (PK2-kindergarten)
During worship in Room C107

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Peace 101
A class for those interested in membership. Offered twice a year. Taught by the pastors. *(Library)*

Peter & David: An Exploration of Suffering
A class on suffering, taught by Todd Blonshine. *(Fellowship Hall)*

The Bible Class: 1 Corinthians
A verse-by-verse study, taught by Bill Stern. *(C207)*

Learn more at
peacepca.org/sunday-school.

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Children's Ministry
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The Lord's Day

PREPARATION

"It is of God's infinite condescension that you are allowed to call him 'Father'... The more truly, the more intimately, we know him, the more of awe and reverence we shall feel." – C.E.B. Cranfield

PRELUDE *Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 106:1; 96:1*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: **Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION *Rejoice in All Your Works*

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand, we're satisfied.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand, we're satisfied.

Chorus Oh rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise:
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns! *Chorus* twice

CORPORATE & SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Titus 3:3

All: **For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Titus 3:4-5

All: **But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.**

SONGS OF ASSURANCE

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
oh, God how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. *Chorus*

Bridge So, teach my song to rise to you
when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay. *Chorus* twice

Ending My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need you.

All Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit, shining like the sun,
a fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross,
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love, he condescended, eternal now in time;
a life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us; our lawlessness had won,
until the pure and spotless Lamb had fin'ly come.

Chorus It is done, it is finished.
No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient
merit now my own.

I lay down my garments, any empty boast,
good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgement, his righteousness is mine. *Chorus* twice

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death;
the joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God,
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank him for the cross! *Chorus* twice

Oh, your merit now my own.
Oh, your merit now my own.

WELCOME & CHURCH LIFE

PASTORAL & OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Chris Florence

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ***Doxology***, Hymn 731

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

1 Peter: Standing Firm in Hope

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 1:13-21, pew Bible page 1014

SERMON "It's on the Way" Rev. Chris Florence

HYMN OF REJOICING ***Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us***, Hymn 599

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Lord I Need You—Words & Music by Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson; 2011 sixsteps Music
Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)—Words & Music by Wendell Kimbrough; 2014 Wendell Kimbrough

SERMON NOTES

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. How did the Spirit use the preaching and passage to shape you this week?
2. Apart from Jesus, where does your heart often want to set its hope and why?
3. Read verse 14. What cultural passions do American Christians readily resist? What are some cultural passions that have American Christians absorbed without noticing?
4. Read Ephesians 1:4 and 1 Peter 1:20. What timeline are those verses referencing? How can the teaching of those verses bring deep comfort to the Christian? What tension can those verses create?
5. How would a lack of sober-mindedness look in the Christian's average day? What is one practice a believer can do to become sober-minded?

CHURCH NEWS

Thanksgiving Boxes
Boxes due November 15
Put together food boxes for families in need this Thanksgiving. Boxes are in the library.

Sign up at **peacepca.org/thanksgiving**.

Operation Christmas Child
Boxes due November 15
Fill shoeboxes filled with kid-friendly items to send to children in need worldwide. Boxes are available at sanctuary entrances.

Learn more at **peacepca.org/serve**.

Prayer Vigil
November 20-21
Let's come together in prayer.

Go to **peacepca.org/prayer-vigil** to submit prayer requests and sign up for a time slot.

2026 Fiscal YTD Giving



20s/30s GROUP

S'mores Night
November 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Join us for a cozy evening at Peace as we gather around the fire and make s'mores.

No sign up required. We'll see you there!

3Ms MINISTRY

Get Together
November 11, 2:30 p.m.
Listen as Don Rayno discusses his new book, Uncovering the Nixon Tapes, about the attorney who discovered the White House taping system.

Sign up at **peacepca.org/3ms**.

CAREGIVER'S MINISTRY

Caregiver Support Group
November 9, 7 p.m.
November is National Caregiver month. Come discover what resources help caregivers.

PEACE PRESCHOOL

Assistants and Substitutes Needed
We're looking for an assistant for the TK/Horses class (5-yr-olds) and more substitute teachers.

Contact kassi@peacepca.org for more info.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Girls' Night Out
November 12
Join us for Girls' Night Out in downtown Cary!

Let us know you're coming by **November 9**! Go to **peacepca.org/women**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Food & Fun
November 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of food and fun activities!

Find out more about Peace events at **peacepca.org/events**.