

GALATIANS THE ORIGINS OF GRACE

SERMON SERIES STARTING IN JANUARY

join a community group?

let us know on a connect card or email ben seneker

Pick an ornament off the tree to support local teen moms

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good news of great joy

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Grace Brevard Christmas Eve Services

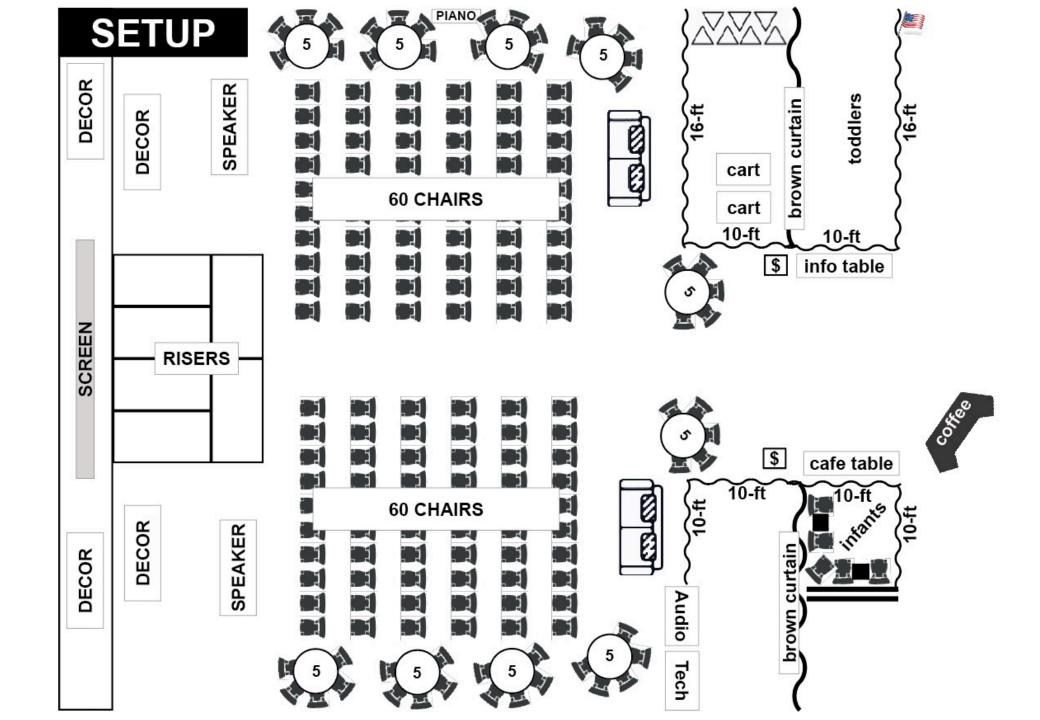
10:30 am - Love, Mith God

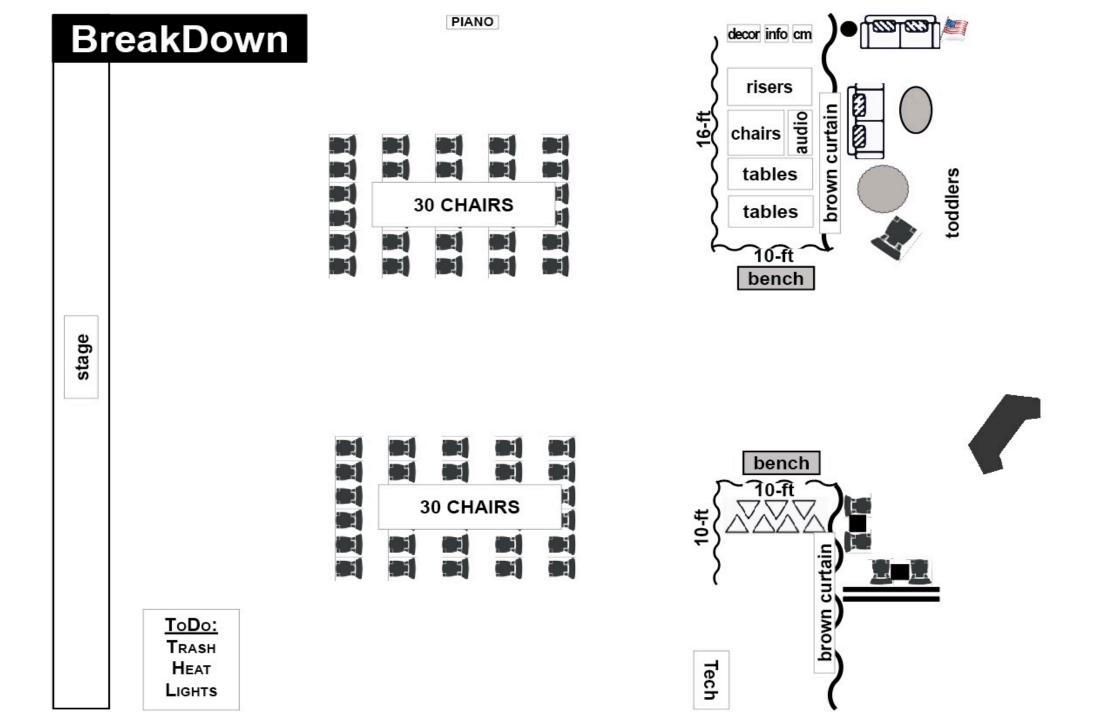
5:00pm - Life, Mith God,

(followed by carolling if you'd like to join us)

Can you help breakdown and cleanup?









Advent good news of great joy

With God. Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.



Advent Week 3: "Peace and Joy. With God."

Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

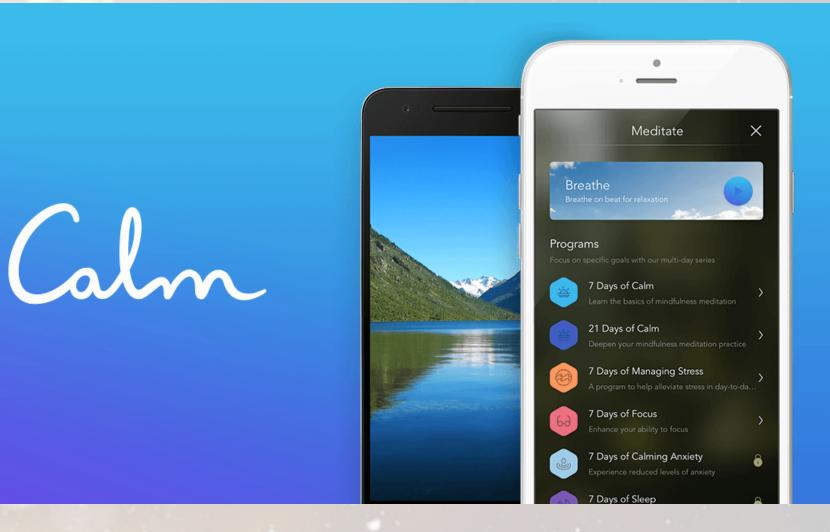


The Pursuit of Peace and Joy

Peace on Earth? Joy to the World?

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We are **Designed** and **Destined** to be people of Peace and Joy. But creation **Broke**, and we naturally (often sinfully) try to create our own version of it. "Calm is the #1 app for mindfulness and meditation to bring more clarity, joy and peace to your daily life." - Apple App Store



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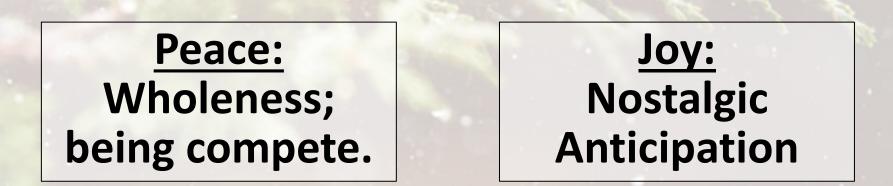
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Peace: Wholeness; being compete.

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Sometimes a certain smell will take me back to when I was young How come I'm never able to identify where it's coming from? I'd make a candle out of it, if I ever found it Try to sell it, never sell out of it, I'd probably only sell one It'd be to my brother, cause we have the same nose, same clothes, home grown, the stone's throw from a creek we used to roam But it would remind us of when nothing really mattered Out of student loans and tree house homes, we all would take the latter (21 Pilots, "Stressed out")

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Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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"City of David" King Jesus

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Wise enough to KNOW what is best
Powerful enough to be able to DO what is best
Loving enough to DESIRE what is best

John 19:19

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

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Ponder Praise Return

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood