

# The Gift of Peace

**Jesus came into the world so that we can have peace with God.**

*(Colossians 1:19-20) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

**Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ.**

*(Mark 4:37-40) A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*

**Peace on earth begins with peace in the heart.**

*(Colossians 3:15) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

**Peace is a love for Jesus that compels us to love each other.**

*(Ephesians 2:14) For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.*