# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Jesus the Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6 - Bradley Bell

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The Royal Names of Jesus

## Call to Worship - Isaiah 52:7

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Advent is the season in which we look back upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and look forward to his second coming. We worship him, and we wait for him.

The lighting of Advent candles symbolizes the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Before we light today's candle, hear the word of the Lord from Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

We light this candle as a sign of the good news of the coming of Christ, our Prince of Peace. Church, may you worship today with great joy and anticipation.

### There Is A Peace

### **Confession - Worship Team**

In the Gospel of Luke we read,

And when [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:41-42

Gracious God, as we reflect on the Prince of Peace,

Congregation: We remember the places in the world and our lives where conflict reigns.

Open eyes to see what you've done to make for peace,

Congregation: And guide us to be your peacemakers. Amen.

### Mary's Song (Our King Of Peace)

**Baby Son** 

Sermon - Isaiah 9:6

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

### Announcements & Benediction - John 14:27

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit, or you can give through GivApp. We want to mention an emphasis on year-end giving—three ways you can give to that are: Soccer (we are seeking to raise \$5000 total), the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and MCT prayer calendars (they are \$10 each and our goal is to sell out).

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Christmas Eve Gathering - Our Christmas Eve gathering will be here at 5pm (a little earlier this year). We will have a short Scripture readings, Christmas songs, and candlelight to celebrate and make much of Jesus together.

We begin each gathering with a Call to Worship and we end with a Benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, Jesus has given his peace to you. Therefore into a troubled world may you go with hearts that are not afraid. (based on John 14:27)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: We are sent.