



## PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**LEADER:** On this Second Sunday in the season of Advent, we focus our attention on **PEACE**. We remember that God *is* Peace and only from God can we have complete peace. God empowers us to use God's peace within us to tranquilize hate, indifference, and intolerance.

**RESPONSE:** We affirm that we will not be shaken or discouraged by what we see and hear. We affirm that we are empowered by the peace of God, and the power of God within us.

**LEADER:** O Emmanuel God with us, give us boldness to live in peace despite the turmoil in our midst. When fear and discomfort overtake us, listen to our heartbeats and quiet them with Your comforting presence.

**SENIOR ADULT:** Let us live in peace with each other, bearing witness of God's love and power. When Jesus returns, may Jesus find us as reconciled people.

- *Two members of a family light two purple candles.*

**ALL:** Father, in this Advent Season, increase our desire to spend more time in prayer, to examine our lives and bear good fruit. Help us to live in peace with each other, bearing witness of Your forgiveness and love. When Jesus returns, may Jesus find us reconciled people. Amen.