

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020
Scripture Reading ~ Ps 34.12-14 and Eph. 2.14-17 (NIV)

Our first Scripture reading is a wisdom saying from **Psalm 34 verses 12-14:**

Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Our second Scripture reading is from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus and surrounding communities, **Ephesians chapter 2 verses 14-17:**

For Jesus himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

The Word of the Lord.