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All our members

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**Office hours**  
Sunday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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### Sun 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:00 p.m. Youth outreach. Meet at SPC

### Tue 14

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 1  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

### Wed 15

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

### Thu 16

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1  
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

### Fri 17

6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group. Hosted by Rie Wilson

### Sat 18

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Diaconate meeting. Fellowship Hall

### Sun 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30*

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:00 p.m. Artist reception. Fellowship Hall

**COFFEE TEAM** is in need of volunteers to cover the third Sunday at 10:45. If you can assist, please let the office know.

**2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY** is now ready for proofing (copies in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.) Make sure your listing is included and correct. If so, check box.

**PHOTOS** for the directory. Get yours updated or taken for first time after services Nov. 12, 19. Photographer will be at the choir loft after 8:15 service and in Fellowship Hall after 10:45.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall on **December 3**. If you do not want envelopes or stopped getting them in the past, but want to start up again, let the office know.

**DC YOUTH MISSION TRIP February 23-25.** Youth (ages 12 and

up). Leave SPC Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. Sign up in the church office. Cost is \$75.00 (pay what you can). The Verle Headings Youth Mission Fund will offset the fee as needed. **The deadline to sign up is November 30.**

**JOY GIFT DINNER. Sunday, December 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Community Club (formerly Men's Club). Ham, beverages & tableware provided. Bring a dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name: A-H vegetable or salad; I-P dessert; Q-Z side dish. Six people each needed to help set up and clean up. Contact the office if you can help.

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER** December 16-22. Guests will arrive around 7 p.m. Volunteers needed for morning meals, bag lunches and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman needed each night. Contact the office if you can help in any way.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Thirty-second Sunday

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**November 12, 2017**  
10:45 a.m.

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## A prayer in light of senseless killings

Merciful God, I don't expect you to stop a speeding bullet from killing one of your beloved in a church, at a concert, a school, a theater or a battlefield.

I don't expect you to stop a careening truck from mowing down your beloved on bicycles or strolling along a path among trees, flowers and singing vendors.

I don't expect you to perform miracles or demand that you save the innocent and absolve us of responsibility to do the same.

When miracles come, I'm grateful for the gift without absolution.

I do not ask for the laws of nature to be overturned, while we break your law of love, and refuse to do what is right in your sight.

I do ask you to pour out mercy - somehow - upon those who mourn, that they would find a measure of consolation, a balm for their wounded hearts, arms to embrace them with love.

I believe you suffer with us and for us as one with us.

I do ask once more and again that from the carnage will rise courage, that guns will no longer rule us as gods and we will live as you would have us live in the way of love, justice and righteousness. Amen.

**Rev. Roy Howard**

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Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **Joshua 24:14**

Listen well, O peoples of the earth to inner promptings of the Spirit; Let Silence enter your house that you may hear!

**Psalm 78:1** (Merrill)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

**Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-13**

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. **Matthew 25:13**

#### **Piano**

Kari Edge

#### **Assistants**

Evelyn Groff

Sophia Tuzzio

Leslie Williams

#### **To Our Guests**

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Childcare Available**

In the nursery at the 10:45 service  
See ushers for assistance.

## **BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD**

### **Introit (2x)**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

### **Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

### **Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*

### **Prayer**

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### **\*Hymn 25**

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

### **Prayer of Confession**

You call us, O God, to rest in your holy presence. Yet we do not take time for you. You call us to share sorrows and joys with others. Yet we refuse to stop and listen. You call us to live generously. Yet we tolerate greed and indifference and barely notice the hurting multitudes. Awaken us from apathy. Awaken us to love. Amen

### **Kyrie (2x)**

Kyrie eleison

### **Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

### **\*Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

### **Welcome**

### **Blessing the World**

Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

### **Special dedication**

Walk with me and I will walk with you  
And build the land that God has planned  
Where love shines through.

### **First Pew**

### **Parish Life**

### **Hymn 470**

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

Psalm 30

### **Sermon**

"The Message of the Psalms"

### **\*Hymn 805**

"Come Sing to God"

## **SERVING THE WORLD**

### **Prayers for Others**

### **Presenting Offerings**

### **Offertory**

"Lead Me, Lord"

S. Wesley / arr. G. Nevin

### **Affirmation**

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### **\*Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **\*Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,  
May Her grace and peace abound  
May Her Spirit live within you  
May Her love wrap you round.  
May Her blessing remain with you always  
May you walk on holy ground.

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### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Our path is not to save the world; only One may do that. Our path is to learn to love, even in the darkness.

**Steve Garnaas Holmes**

Joy arises when we are open to both the beauty and suffering inherent in living. Like a great sky that includes all different types of weather, joy is an expansive quality of presence. It says "Yes to life, no matter what!" **Tara Brach**

Wholeness does not mean perfection: it means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life. **Parker Palmer**

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. **The Talmud**

There is a time... for life in the social womb, for warmth in the collective myth. But there is also a time to be born, to be liberated from the enclosing womb of myth and prejudice.

**Thomas Merton**

#### **Flowers placed by**

Mary Ellen Lloyd  
in memory of  
Greg Lloyd

\*stand if you are able

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#### **Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

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