

**Sun 31 Second Sunday Christmastide**

9:00 a.m. Pageant rehearsal. Sanctuary  
10:45 a.m. Christmas/Epiphany pageant

**Tues 2**

7:30 p.m. Choir practice

**Thu 4**

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

**Sat 6**

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast supper group. Hosted by Tim & Esther Murphy

**Sun 7 • Baptism of the Lord**

*Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11*

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex

10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

**NEW SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS:**

Beginning February 4, Sunday services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**PARKING REMINDER:** On Sunday mornings and during other church events, the accessible parking spaces behind fellowship hall are for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities. Please be mindful of those who need these spaces.

**COMMUNITY DINNER.** Sunday, Jan. 7, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. To sign up, go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:45-5:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR** Begins January 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Jesus taught under the shadow of the Roman Empire. Yet even as the Empire exalted the rich and powerful, Jesus preached that the truly blessed are the poor, the hungry, and the weeping. How might we respond if we discover that our churches have more in common with the Empire than with the truly blessed? This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege and faith. Books are in the office, \$10 or pay what you can.

**WEEKEND FORUM** with Jessica Vasquez Torres and Crossroads Anti Racism Organizing and Training. February 16-18. This weekend will offer multiple opportunities to gather together and explore ways that systemic racism creates barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice, in our lives, and in institutions, especially the church. Clear your calendars, and stay tuned for more information.

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**Christmastide**

Second Sunday

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**December 31, 2017**

10:45 A.M.

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A Christmas prayer

God,  
Intimate Presence,  
Heavenly Companion,  
on this holy day  
I open my heart to your nearness,  
to your indwelling in the most ordinary things.  
Holy Child within me and beside me,  
I open my heart to your willingness  
to accompany me this day and every day;  
as a helpless child to receive all of life with me,  
to save me not with power over others  
but with your vulnerable presence.

O Christ Child, I listen for your cry in every person.  
For the poor, the lonely, and all who suffer,  
may your compassion be born in me today,  
your love take form in my choices.

May I take and release each breath, each thought  
and every action today  
mindful of your coming,  
and willing to embody your love.

O Christ, Passion of God,  
be born in me today.  
Amen.

Steve Garnaas Holmes

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## BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

### Introit (2x)

While we are waiting, come  
While we are waiting, come  
Jesus, Our Lord, Emmanuel  
While we are waiting, come.

### Proclamation

In life and in 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 Worship

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

### Prayer

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**Hymn 133** (vs. 1, 3, 4)  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

## GRACE ABOUNDS

### Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that we hide from the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive and renew us that we might see and embody your light in the world.

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

### Parish Life

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"The King's Birthday"

**Hymn 140** (vs. 1, 2)

"Once in Royal David's City"

**Hymn 114** (vs. 1, 2)

"Away in a Manger"

**Hymn 113** (vs. 1, 2)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Hymn 145** (vs. 1, 2)

"What Child Is This"

**Hymn 151** (vs. 1, 2)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

### Photographs

### Song

"All Night, All Day"

Traditional Spiritual/ words Terry Tucker

## SERVING THE WORLD

### Prayer for Others

### Presenting Offerings

### Offertory

### Affirmation

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*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

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### Pageant Director

Lonce Bailey

"Children, Go Where I Send Thee"

Directed by Terry Tucker

### Piano

Kari Edge