

## Eucharistic Prayer

The God of Love is with you.

*And also with you*

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the God of Love*

Let us give thanks for the Love of God

*It is right to give our thanks and praise*

Great is the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Our \*Mother who is within us  
we celebrate your many names.

Your wisdom come, your will be done,  
unfolding from the depths within us.

Each day you give us all that we need.

You remind us of our limits and we let go.

You support us in our power and we act in courage.

For you are the dwelling place within us,  
the empowerment around us,  
and the celebration among us,  
now and forever. Amen.

*\*May Substitute Father, Parent, Creator, etc.*

## THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC:

December 18 - 24, 2022

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary):

Open to all who wish to make a joyful noise!

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve (Hybrid):

A short service for families with children  
in which we share the Christmas Story,  
sing "Friendly Beasts," and host a photo opportunity  
with the children in the Nativity Scene

Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary):

Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols (Hybrid):

A full service in which we  
share the Lesson of the Nativity,  
sing the Carols of the Season,  
celebrate choral contributions,  
receive a special offering for our mission partners,  
and offer a Pastoral Meditation on the meaning of it all.

Saturday, 11:00 p.m. Contemplative Candlelight  
Communion (In Person Only):

A Taizé-type service of short lessons, chants,  
meditative silence, and the sacrament of communion

Monday, December 26, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Historic Houses of Worship Tour

## **Alternative Christmas Fair:**

*December 4, 11, and 18, Fellowship Hall*

Find a perfect Christmas gift  
for the people you care about,  
a gift that helps others.

Shop the SPC Alternative Christmas Fair  
before and/or after worship  
to make thoughtful and impactful donations  
to the following organizations:

### **Congo Women's Health Center**

An expansion of the university level  
nursing and lab school, with maternity  
and surgical facilities for OB/GYN consultations

### **Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA):**

A community of support for gay, lesbian, bisexual,  
transgender, non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex,  
asexual, two-spirit teens and their allies.

### **Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands**

A residential facility for abused and neglected children

### **Pangolin Crisis Fund**

To protect the most trafficked mammal in the world.

## **Transformed By Compassion:**

*Fuel for the Fire from Advent through Epiphany*

**November 27, 2022 - January 7, 2023**

Worship this season evokes the vision of Isaiah:

*the wolf shall dwell with the lamb;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom!*

Liturgical Art symbolizes the journey *From Cross to Cradle*

Sunday, December 18: Angels of Mercy

*Alternative Christmas Fair Dec 4 - 18*

### **Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24:**

5:00 p.m. Family Service w/Friendly Beasts

8:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Contemplative Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 25 (11 a.m. only): Guest Reflections

Sunday, January 1 (11 a.m. only): Recounting the Grace

Monday, December 26: Historic Houses of Worship Tour

Saturday, January 7: Christmas Joy Dinner