

Everyone, great and small,  
put on sackcloth. **Jonah 3:5**

Trust in God at all times.  
**Psalm 62:8**

The present form of this  
world is passing away.  
**1 Corinthians 7:31**

“The kingdom of God has  
come near.” **Mark 1:15**

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#### **To Our Guests**

We are glad you are with  
us. Please sign the guest  
book by the front door and  
fill in a visitor’s card from  
the pew pocket. After the  
service enjoy a cup of fair  
trade coffee with friends in  
the Fellowship Hall.

## **THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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

*The light is coming, the light is coming back.  
Darkness may reign for a moment,  
but the light is coming back.*

### **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.

### **Prayer**

#### **\*+Hymn 39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Prayer for Beginning and Ending**  
(see insert)

#### **+Response 467, v. 1-2**

*Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.  
Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord*

### **Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

#### **\*Response 666, v. 1-2**

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

### **Blessing the World**

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

#### **+Response 842 (2x)**

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

### **First Pew**

#### **+Response 842 (2x)**

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

## **Welcome and Parish Life**

### **THE WORD OF HOPE**

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### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

1 Corinthians 7:29-32

### **Sermon**

“Beginner’s Mind”

### **\*Hymn**

(see insert)

### **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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### **Prayer for Others**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

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### **\*Credo**

*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*

#### **\*+Sending 853, v. 1, 4**

*We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)  
We are marching, we are marching,  
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)*

*We are singing in the light of God ...*

### **\*Postlude**

Every new beginning  
comes from some other  
beginning’s end. **Seneca**

The end is where we start  
from. **T. S. Eliot**

You can’t go back and  
change the beginning, but  
you can start where you  
are and change the ending.  
**C. S. Lewis**

The End is the Beginning  
is the End. **Serena Ryder**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### **Opening Prayer**

Derek Walcott

### **Lesson Translation**

*The Message*

Eugene Peterson

### **Prayer for Others**

Brendan Kennelly

### **Flowers**

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### Sunday, January 21

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10 Psalm 62:5–12 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 Mark 1:14–20*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - Classroom 1

### Monday, January 22

6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) - Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

### Tuesday, January 23

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

### Thursday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Matthew 25 Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

### Saturday, January 27

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, January 28

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 Mark 1:21–28*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is by Ann Zimmerman. The early 20th Century German Opening hymn was written by a Methodist writer and pastor. The Response to the Prayer for Light is a typical *bhajan* from northern India. The Response to the Declaration pairs a 4th Century Latin text with a 15th Century dance-like tune. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the Taizé community. The Sermon Response is from The Beatles. The late 20th Century Sending is a Zulu/Xhosa freedom song.

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Ordinary Time

Third Sunday

January 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

### Tao Te Ching, excerpt

Act without acting  
Serve without serving  
Taste without tasting  
Big, little,  
Many, few —  
Repay hatred with TE.

Map difficult through easy  
Approach great through narrow.

The most difficult thing in the world  
Must be accomplished through the easiest.  
The greatest things in the world  
Must be accomplished through the smallest.

Therefore the Sage  
Never attempts great things  
And so accomplishes them.

Quick promises  
Mean little trust.  
Everything easy  
Means great difficulty.  
Thus for the Sage  
Everything is difficult,  
And so in the end  
Nothing is difficult.

### Lao Tzu

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*We Choose Welcome*