

They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. **Isaiah 2:4**

Peace be within your walls. **Psalms 122:7**

The night is far gone, the day is near. **Romans 13:12**

Therefore you all must be ready. **Matthew 24:44**

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Guest Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

Interlude

Chancel Choir

Offertory

Ryan Walker

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Mark Nutwell

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 378

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

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.

Our Advent Hope

+Response 85

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish the darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.*

Prayer for Hope

Try to praise the mutilated world.
Remember June's long days,
and wild strawberries, drops of rosé wine.
Return in thought to the concert where music flared.
You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.
Praise the mutilated world
and the gray feather a thrush lost,
and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
and returns.

+Response 92, v.1 (2x)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 137, v. 1-2**

*He came down that we may have love (3x); hallelujah forevermore!
He came down that we may have light ...*

Blessing the World

Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria

First Pew

+Response 158, v.1, 3

“Born in the Night, Mary's Child”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“Advent”

Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon

“Imagine that!”

***+Hymn 37**

“Let All Things Now Living”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

+Response

*Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire
that never dies away, never dies away.*

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Children's Blessing

***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

***+Sending 105**

*People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. **Mark Twain**

There is the strange power we have of changing facts by the force of imagination.

Virginia Woolf

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one. **John Lennon**

Imagination is the eye of the soul. **Joseph Joubert**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Hope

Adam Zagajewski
trans. Clare Cavanagh

Lesson Translation

New Revised
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Sunday, November 27 • First Sunday of Advent • Pastor Gusti on Vacation

Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship and Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)

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

5:00 p.m. Youth Group Thanksgiving - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 29 • Pastor Gusti on Vacation

Teach the Preacher on Hiatus

3:15 p.m. Transgender Day of Remembrance • McMurrin Hall Grounds

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

Wednesday, November 30

Church Office Closed until 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

6:00 p.m. Communications Meeting via zoom

7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Classical Christmas - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4 • Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Narthax & Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)

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

4:00 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling Hymn Sing - Steps of McMurrin Hall

5:00 p.m. Community Dinner - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The 21st Century Introit paraphrases Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom and connects it with the incarnation of Jesus. The Advent Wreath Response is set to a Yiddish love song. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness serves as a simple, meditative prayer. The Response to the Declaration, from Cameroon, can be cast as a call and response. The Response to the First Pew reflects the full arc of the Incarnation: birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return. The Sermon Hymn is an early 20th Century American text paired with a Welsh folk melody. The Communion hymn is from the Taizé community. The Sending is set to a French melody.

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Winter Flowers

In fresh snow that fell on old snow
I see wild roses in bloom, springtime,
an orchard of apple and peach trees in bloom,
lovers of different preferences
walking naked in new snow, not shivering,
no illusion, no delusion, no bluebells.
Why should I live by reality that murders?
I wear a coat of hope and desire.

Stanley Moss

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