

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
**Isaiah 40:6**

Righteousness and peace  
will kiss. **Psalm 85:10**

Strive to be found ... at  
peace. **2 Peter 3:14**

"Prepare the way of the  
Lord."  
**Mark 1:3**

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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 90 (3x)**

*Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.  
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

### **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.

### **The Candle of Peace**

#### **+Hymn 89, refrain**

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;  
truly my hope is in you.*

### **Silence**

### **Prayer for Peace**

We each have a task to perform  
Even if we are not always aware  
Of its true purpose or intent.  
We may not even know what good we have done  
Until the great cycles of love turn round  
And we discover the blessing we have been.

### **+Response 90 (3x)**

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

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

#### **+Response 92**

*While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.  
With power and glory, come ...  
Come, Savior, quickly come ...*

### **Blessing the World**

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar,  
United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

### **+Response 95, (2x)**

*Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

### **First Pew**

### **+Response 95, (2x)**

*Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

### **Welcome and Parish Life**

### **Congregational Meeting**

## **THE WORD OF HOPE**

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### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

2 Peter 3:14, adapted

*Beloved, while you are waiting,  
strive to be found at peace.*

### **Meditation**

"Waiting in Peace"

### **Silence**

### **+Hymn 103**

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

## **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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### **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

Benedictus from A Mass for Peace

Karl Jenkins

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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 (2x)**

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.  
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.  
Deep peace flowing over you. God's peace growing in you.*

### **\*Postlude**

## **All Creation Waits**

The dark is not an end.  
It's a door.  
It's the way  
a new beginning comes.

### **Gayle Boss**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### **Candle of Peace**

Jan Richardson, *adapted*

### **Prayer for Peace**

Steven Charleston

### **Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

### **Flowers**

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, December 10 • Second Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13; 2 Peter 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–8*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary / Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:15 p.m. “Prepare Ye” rehearsal with Terry Tucker - Sanctuary

**Monday, December 11**

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

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - upstairs outside choir room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Choir Room

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices via Zoom

**Thursday, December 14**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall / Hybrid

**Saturday, December 16**

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Celtic Concert sponsored by Shepherdstown Music & Dance - Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 17 • Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Gathering - Fellowship Hall

**Perpetual Motion, excerpt**

... And yet, at the center of this vast swirl  
of perpetual motion,  
there is an infinite and abiding stillness.

**Kai Siedenburger**

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**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is a late 20th Century Advent Refrain. The Candle Response adapts an ancient Advent liturgy for modern use. The Response to the Prayer for Peace, the Response to the Blessing of the Nations and the Response to the First Pew are from the Taizé Community. The Response to the Declaration is a late 20th Century Advent Hymn. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn was created for a conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula. The late 20th Century Communion Hymn is from Cameroon. Then Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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