

O that you would ... come
down. **Isaiah 64:1**

Restore us, O God.
Psalm 80:3

God is faithful.
1 Corinthians 1:9

“From the fig tree learn its
lesson.” **Mark 13:28**

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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 (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 Hope

+Hymn 89, refrain

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

Prayer for Hope

We are all called, each in our own way,
To do the work of creation.
Knitting together the many strands of grace
That hold the universe together.

+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

Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria

+Response 95, (3x)

*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, (3x)

*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

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:7

*You are not lacking in any gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Meditation

“Waiting for Hope”

Silence

+Hymn 250

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Keep Your Lamps”
arr. Andre Thomas

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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 Hope

Jan Richardson, *adapted*

Prayer for Hope

Steven Charleston

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 3 • First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/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
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Meet in Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing & Caroling - Steps of McMurrin Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Thursday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

Friday, December 8

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for prayer via Zoom

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

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 Hope, 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 is often sung in Eastertide. The late 20th Century Communion Hymn is from Cameroon. The Sending is a beautiful blessing from Guatemala.

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Blessing the Way, excerpt

This blessing ...
has taken its form from an ancient hope
that drew forward and made a way
when no way could be seen.

Jan Richardson

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