

“Do not be afraid of them.” **Jeremiah 1:8**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge. **Psalm 71:1**

The greatest of these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:13**

He passed through the midst of them and went on his way. **Luke 4:30**

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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 411 (6x)**

*God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song*

**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.

**Call to Refuge**

**\*Hymn 814 (6x)**

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest.  
Find its rest and peace.*

**Prayer for Refuge**

In the silence of dawn do I find you  
In the roar of the crowd you are there  
In the eyes of the foe can I see you  
In my enemy’s heart do you dwell.

**+Kyrie (6x)**

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us. Lord,  
have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**+\*Hallelujah 590 (6x)**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**Blessing the World**

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra,  
Monaco and San Marino

**Response 487, v. 1**

*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

**First Pew**

**Response 487, v. 4**

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize God’s kingdom through our children’s eyes.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Psalm 71:1-6

**Communal Reflection**

“Taking Refuge”

**\*Hymn 71, refrain (6x)**

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.*

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Response 466**

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.*

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

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**Celebration of Ministry**

**\*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)**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*Postlude**

Our refuge is not outside ourselves, not somewhere in the future - it is always and already here.

**Tara Brach**

Where was my heart to flee for refuge from my heart? **St. Augustine**

I learned to take refuge in wherever the light is.

**Helen Klein**

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

**Albert Schweitzer**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Prayer for Refuge**

Jan Phillips

**Lesson Translation**

Nan Merrill

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Ordinary Time  
Fourth Sunday

February 2, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

### For When We Greet Each Other

I want a new ritual for when we meet each other—  
strangers or beloveds, friends or rivals, elders or children.  
It begins by holding each other's eyes  
the way we behold sunrises or the first cherry blooms,  
which is to say we assume we'll find beauty there.  
And perhaps some display of open hands—  
a gesture with palms up—that suggests both  
I offer myself to you and I receive you.  
There should be a quiet moment in which  
we hear each other breathe—  
knowing it's the sound of the ocean inside us.  
If there are words at all, let them be formed  
mostly of vowels so they're heard more as song  
than as spitting, more like river current and less  
like throwing stones, words that mean something like  
I do not know what you carry, but in this moment  
I will help you carry it. Or something like,  
Everything depends on us treating each other well.  
And if we said it enough, perhaps we'd believe it,  
and if we believed it enough, perhaps we'd live it,  
treating every other human like someone  
who holds our very existence in their hands,  
like someone whose life has been given us to serve,  
even if it's only to walk together safely down the street,  
hold a door, pass the salt, share a sunset,  
offer a smile, and say with our actions you belong.

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

### Sunday, February 2

*Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 Luke 4:21–30*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of 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
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

### Wednesday, February 5

- 3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Service – Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Thursday, February 6

- 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

### Sunday, February 9

*Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11, Luke 5:1–11*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of 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
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

**SERVICE MUSIC IN FEBRUARY:** The Introit, Communion Response, and Sending are from the Taizé Community in France. The Kyrie is a beloved SPC version from Stefan Waliger. The Hallelujah is a traditional liturgical text. The 21st Century Introduction and Response to First Pew emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism; originally written in French and paired with a 15th Century French tune.

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** The Opening Hymn and Sending Hymn are from the Taizé Community in France. The Sermon Hymn is from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.

**TODAY'S CHORAL ANTHEM:** This somber tune is a sentiment of reassurance that God will deliver us from our fears and worries.

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