

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, January 5, 10:30am, SPC Sanctuary. To act upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Diana Eldridge as Deacon, 2 year term, and to adjust the term of Siri McDonald (previously elected) to a 3 year term.

FIRST HYMN SING OF 2025 January 5, 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us as we bring in the New Year with a good hour of singing on the first Sunday of 2025. Requests are honored.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SEMINAR SERIES Join us Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m. for a presentation on the topic of Clean Water, one of our Matthew 25 initiatives, in conjunction with the Earth Care Committee. This is the first of a three-part series, to be presented January 12, 19, and 26. Than Hitt will speak on "Considering Water from the Physical to Metaphysical." His presentation will include a discussion about water resources in the region, including resiliencies, risks, and implications for environmental justice. You can join us in person in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. or via Zoom.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER. No one should risk life, limb or property to get to the church. Sunday morning services (8:30 and /or 11:00 a.m.) and other events may be canceled if the pastor and other worship leaders cannot make it in safely. However, those who can get in safely are welcome to organize a service on their own using the order of service for the day, or something else. Bulletins may be found in the Narthex. Check the website or office phone (304-876-6466) after 7:30 p.m. on Saturday for Sunday cancellation notices. In general, when Jefferson County Schools are closed due to severe weather conditions, the SPC office will be closed and scheduled meetings will be canceled unless other arrangements are made.

Prayer for Hope

Epiphany

Here are the words that have brought me to a new understanding. Here are the words that will bind us forever. From this day forward, I will speak your name with gratitude, knowing it is the mantra of my soul. I will let you go, knowing we are eternal. We were born to walk this world in intersecting lines. We are circles and signposts and parallels. I have left markers for you at every turn. Look for me in everything that catches your breath. Let the simple miracle of your own presence overwhelm you. For you are beautiful, in ways that can't be described. And we are love at its most inexplicable. With these words, I am one with divinity. With these words, I am one with you.

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Eucharistic Prayer

The God of Hope is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to Our Source of Hope

Let us give thanks for Holding On to Hope

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Great is the mystery of faith.

Hope has died.

Hope is risen.

Hope will come again.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

we pray that your good will be done,

let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence
beyond the evil of our days --
come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power
and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.

Amen.

Sung Response 137

*He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.*

*... That we may have light
... That we may have peace
... That we may have joy*