

THIS WEEK AT SPC

January 8 - 15, 2023

PASTOR GUSTI TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID

on Tuesday, January 9. She is taking Paxlovid and has been cleared by her doctor to return to worship on Sunday. Pastor Gusti will remain masked throughout Sunday's services and will refrain from handling the communion elements and engaging in physical contact with the congregation. Please keep Pastor Gusti in prayer for continued recovery.

JANUARY "MESSENGER" CANCELED.

Due to COVID illness, the January monthly newsletter has been canceled and all essential information will be communicated via E-News and bulletin inserts. The February edition will return as scheduled.

Today, 2pm, Annual Jefferson County NAACP
MLK, Jr. Freedom Trail March, 100 N. Samuel St., Charles Town

Meet in front of the Jefferson County Museum. There will be a short program followed by a walk down Washington Street to Lawrence Street and return. Join other SPC members and friends to celebrate Dr. King.

Monday, 7pm, Teacher the Preacher (Zoom)

Share your questions and reflections on how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

Tuesday, 7:30pm, Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room Upstairs)

All voices welcome!

"LIGHT RETURNS"

Baptism through Transfiguration

January 7 - February 11

The light is coming back, even as winter begins in earnest. Worship this season celebrates the light of insight, renewal, and recommitment to the inner and outer work of transformation. Black Bear, Wood Frog, Striped Skunk, and Lake Trout continue their journey with us through the winter.

January 7: Let There Be, Genesis 1:1-3

Baptism Sunday, with Congregational Blessing

January 14: It Starts With Me, John 1:43-51

MLK Sunday, with Communion

January 21: The Moral Arc, Amos 5:21-24

January 28: Inflection Point, Mark 1:14-20

Ordination/Installation of Ordained Leaders

February 4: Who We Really Are, Mark 1:21-28

with Communion

February 11: The Inner Work, Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday,
with Palms to Ashes Ceremony

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful,

And the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,

For your promises to your people,

And for The Way of Jesus,

in which your fullness dwells.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Dying on the cross, Jesus saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

God of grace,

You renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love,

And help us to choose relationship instead of war,

Reparations instead of violence,

Social good instead of personal gain,

Faith instead of anxiety,

Accountability instead of prejudice,

Both/and instead of either/or,

Difficult conversations and professional risk,

instead of accommodation and silent complicity.

We ask this in The Way and in The Spirit of Jesus.

Communion Chant 527

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

trust in me and you will not thirst.