

Nations shall come to your light. **Isaiah 60:3**

God delivers the needy when they call. **Psalm 72:12**

Bring to the nations the news of the boundless riches of Christ. **Ephesians 3:8**

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem. **Matthew 2:1**

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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 155 (2x)**  
*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
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**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 Hope**

**\*Hymn 151**  
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

**Prayer for Hope** (see insert)

**+Kyrie (2x)**  
*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 (2x)**  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**Blessing the World**

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

**Response 158, v. 1-2**

*Born in the night, Mary’s Child, a long way from your home;  
coming in need, Mary’s Child, born in a borrowed room.  
Clear shining light, Mary’s child, your face lights up our way;  
Light of the world, Mary’s Child, dawn on our darkened day.*

**First Pew**

**Response 158, v. 3-4**  
*Truth of our life, Mary’s Child, you tell us God is good;  
yes, it is true, Mary’s Child, shown on your cross of wood;  
Hope of the world, Mary’s Child, you’re coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary’s Child, walk in our streets again.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Choral Interlude**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

**Lesson**

Matthew 2:7-12

**Reflections**

“Hope for the World”

**Hymn 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

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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)**

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

**\*Postlude**

Hope is the pillar of the world. **Kanuri proverb**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Lesson Translation**  
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### Sunday, January 5 • Epiphany Sunday

*Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalms 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:1-14, John 1:(1-9) 10-18*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
- 1:30 p.m. Ordained Leader Training – Sanctuary
- 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, January 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

### Thursday, January 9

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

### Saturday, January 11

- 1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service: Ed Rakowski – Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 12

*Pss. 96; 110, Deut. 33:1-5, 1 John 2:12-17, John 6:41-47*

- 8:30 a.m. Early 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 2
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

**SERVICE MUSIC IN CHRISTMASTIDE:** The late 20th Century Introit is from the Taizé Community in France. The Kyrie is a beloved SPC version from Stefan Waliger. The Hallelujah is a traditional liturgical text. The Communion Music is a late 20th Century call and response from Cameroon. The Sending is from the Taizé Community.

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** The mid 19th Century Opening hymn is written specifically for Epiphany. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn was created as an inclusive language alternative to an older hymn using its late 19th Century tune.

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## Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025

11 a.m.

### The Year as a House: A Blessing

Think of the year as a house: door flung wide in welcome,  
threshold swept and waiting, a graced spaciousness  
opening and offering itself to you.

Let it be blessed in every room.  
Let it be hallowed in every corner.  
Let every nook be a refuge  
and every object set to holy use.

Let it be here that safety will rest.  
Let it be here that health will make its home.  
Let it be here that peace will show its face.  
Let it be here that love will find its way. ...

... And may it be in this house of a year  
that the seasons will spin in beauty,  
and may it be in these turning days  
that time will spiral with joy.  
And may it be that its rooms will fill  
with ordinary grace  
and light spill from every window  
to welcome the stranger home.

**Jan Richardson**

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