

The desert shall rejoice
and blossom. **Isaiah 35:1**

“My soul magnifies the
Lord.” **Luke 1:46**

The farmer waits for the
precious crop from the
earth. **James 5:7**

“What did you go out into
the wilderness to look at?”
Matthew 11:7

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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 87**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

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.

Our Advent Joy

+Response 85 v. 3

*Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish the darkness.*

Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Prayer for Joy

The bud
stands for all things,
even for those things that don’t flower,
for everything flowers, from within, of self-blessing;
though sometimes it is necessary
to reteach a thing its loveliness,
to put a hand on its brow
of the flower
and retell it in words and in touch
it is lovely
until it flowers again from within, of self-blessing.

+Response 92, v. 1, 3

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come ...*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 137, v. 1, 3**

*He came down that we may have love (3x);
hallelujah forevermore!
He came down that we may have joy ...*

Blessing the World
Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

First Pew

+Response 158, v. 1- 2
“Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Isaiah 35, *selected verses*

Sermon

“Holy Way Home”

***+Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Children’s Blessing

***Acclamation**

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 105 v. 2**

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

***Postlude**

I believe in the possibility
of surprising joy, of serenity
through pain, of homecom-
ing through exile.

Andrew Sullivan

Every meaning will have its
homecoming festival.

Mikhail Bakhtin

Perhaps we come home the
way the earth comes home
to the sun.

Christie Purifoy

Your homecoming will be
my homecoming.

e. e. cummings

Prayer for Joy

Galway Kindle

Flowers

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Sunday, December 11 • Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–1

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Narthex

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar- Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. 11th Hour Calling - Balcony

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

Saturday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 18 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Narthex

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Opening Hymn is a 17th Century German text set to a French folk song. The Advent Wreath Response is set to a Yiddish love song. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness serves as a simple, meditative prayer. The Response to the Declaration, from Cameroon, can be cast as a call and response. The Response to the First Pew reflects the full arc of the Incarnation: birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return. The Sermon Hymn is a paraphrase of the Magnificat set to an energetic Irish folk song. The Communion music is a 15th Century German carol. The Sending hymn is set to a French melody.

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Advent
Third Sunday

December 11, 2022
11:00 a.m.

There Is Another Sky

There is another sky,
Ever serene and fair,
And there is another sunshine,
Though it be darkness there;
Never mind faded forests, Austin,
Never mind silent fields -
Here is a little forest,
Whose leaf is ever green;
Here is a brighter garden,
Where not a frost has been;
In its unfading flowers
I hear the bright bee hum:
Prithee, my brother,
Into my garden come!

Emily Dickinson

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We Choose Welcome