

I will give you rest.
2 Samuel 7:11

“God has looked with
favor.” **Luke 1:48**

The revelation of the
mystery ... **Romans 16:25**

“Greetings, favored one!”
Luke 1:28

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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 91 (3x)
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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.

The Candle of Love

+Response 95, (3x)
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Silence

Prayer for Love
We are all called, called to be what no other can be
The handprint of our heart on the long walls of time.

+Response 90 (3x)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+Response 92, v. 1-2
While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory, come ...
Come, Savior, quickly come ...

*Passing the Peace

Blessing the World
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

Lesson
1 John 4:7
Beloved, you should love.

Meditation
“Waiting in Love”

Silence

+Hymn 104
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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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)**
The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.
Deep peace flowing over you. God’s peace growing in you.

*Postlude

All Creation Waits
The dark is not an end.
It’s a door.
It’s the way
a new beginning comes.
Gayle Boss

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Candle of Love
Jan Richardson, *adapted*

Prayer for Love
Steven Charleston

Lesson Translation
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Sunday, December 24 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

No 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service

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

No Sunday Seminar or Sunday Studio

• **Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

5:00 p.m. Family Service in Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

8:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols in Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion in Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 • Christmas Day, Happy Birthday Jesus!

Church Office Closed

Dawn: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14

Saturday, December 30

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 31 • First Sunday of Christmastide

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

No 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a late 20th Century Advent Refrain. The Candle Response adapts an ancient Advent liturgy for modern use. The Response to the Prayer for Love is from the Taizé Community. The Response to the Declaration is a late 20th Century Advent Hymn. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn brings the promise of resurrection into Advent. The late 20th Century Communion Hymn is from Cameroon. The Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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Advent
Fourth Sunday

December 24, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Lake Trout, excerpt

As great, cold waves heave and crash
Lake Trout glides beneath
at ease.

Gayle Boss

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