

You have multiplied exultation.
Isaiah 9:3

All the trees of the forest
sing for joy. **Psalms 96:12**

The grace of God has appeared!
Titus 2:11

I am bringing you good news of great joy.
Luke 2:10

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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.

WE GATHER IN HOPE

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Welcome

Prelude

Choral Processional

"Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," John Englert

The Christ Candle

Isaiah 9:2

***Response 133**, v.1, 3
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Proclamation

Isaiah 9:6

Carol 158, v. 1, 2
"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

First Pew, with Friendly Beasts
(see insert)

Carol 158, v. 3, 4
"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

WE PROCLAIM HOPE

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Seeking Hope

Luke 2:1-5

Carol 121, v.1, 3
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Cradling Hope

Luke 2:6-7

Carol 115, v.1, 2
"Away in a Manger"

Announcing Hope

Luke 2:8-11

Carol 147, v.1, 2
"The First Nowell"

Singing Hope

Luke 2:12-14

***Carol 113**, v.1, 3
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Finding Hope

Luke 2:15-16

***Carol 134**, v.1, 2
"Joy to the World"

Proclaiming Hope

Luke 2:17-20

***Carol, 136**, v.1, 3
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

WE CONTEMPLATE HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

"Wachet Auf"

Lesson

Titus 2:11-13

Meditation

"Hope With Us"

Carol 145, v.1, 3
"What Child Is This"

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

† † †

Prayer for Hope

Offering of Hope

Offertory

"Bell Choir"

Russell G. Wichmann

Hope Abounds

John 1:1-6, 14

***Carol 122**, v.1-3 (see insert)
"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

***Blessing**

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***Postlude**

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears. **Nelson Mandela**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Isaiah and Luke Translations

New Revised Standard
Version Updated Edition

Titus Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Gospel of John Translation

King James Version

Prayer for Others

Rosemerry Wahtola
Trommer

Poinsettias

Were donated to decorate the Sanctuary by many generous family & friends of SPC

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• **Christmas Day**
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*

Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Shepherdstown Historic Houses of Worship Tour until 7 p.m.

Friday, December 27

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29 • First Sunday of Christmastide

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

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

5:00 p.m. Joy Gift Dinner – Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Choral Processional is an ancient chant rejoicing that Jesus has arrived to free us from gloom and despair. The Trumpet Interlude "Wachet auf," also known as "Sleepers Awake," is regarded as one of the most mature of Johann Sebastian Bach's sacred cantatas. The "Bell Carol" Offertory further describes the arrival of a star to give us light, may Jesus' birth continue to guide us.

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The Nativity of Jesus
Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2024

8:00 p.m.

Lullaby for the World

All the world is a manger.

The snow-bright field and the parking lot,
the quiet woods, the city smog,
the cold alley and the garden bed,
the streets of war, the river bend.

Everywhere, a chance for what is holy

to be born. And how do we treat

this manger? And if a holy child

were born here now, would we know?

Would we see the signs of blessedness

past the neon, through the smoke?

How would we greet this holy child?

All the world is manger.

And when will we remember

every child born is holy?

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

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