

A child has been born for us. **Isaiah 9:6**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it. **Psalm 96:11**

The grace of God has appeared! **Titus 2:11**

She gave birth. **Luke 2:7**

Celebrant
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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.

Enter in silence
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Prelude
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Welcome

Christmas Carols
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Silence

Travail
*Within our darkest night,
you kindle a fire that never dies away, never dies away.*

Genesis 1:1-5
*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.
In God I trust, in God I trust.*

Silence

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
*Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem*

Silence

Luke 2:8-15
*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia*

Silence

Prayer for Birthing Sabbath
*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor*

John 1:1-5, 14
*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.*

Communion

Titus 2:11-14
*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a magi, I would do my part,
yet I can I give him: give my heart.*

Silence

Offering

Prayer of Jesus
*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

Blessing

All forms of birth — physical, intellectual, spiritual or emotional — bring one to the depths. The power to give birth originates in the creative life spirit birthing all, the seen and the unseen. **Amy Wright**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Titus Translation
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Gospel of John Translation
King James Version

Other Translations
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
Marjorie Burke

Blessing
Hildegard of Bingen

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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*

Friday, December 26
Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27
1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 28 • First Sunday of Christmastide
Isaiah 63:7–9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10–18 Matthew 2:13–23
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING. SPC will collect our Christmas Eve offering during both Christmas Eve services. This year’s offering will benefit Mountain State Justice.

MOUNTAIN STATE JUSTICE (MSJ) is a West Virginia-based non-profit which provides free legal services to all marginalized West Virginians fighting for their homes, their health and safety, and their jobs. Our SPC immigrant support team specifically works with MSJ’s immigration attorneys to connect legal resources locally to our immigrant neighbors and friends. For more information about MSJ, go to <https://mountainstatejustice.org/>.

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The Nativity of Jesus
December 24, 2025
11:00 p.m.

Travail, excerpt
... The young woman trembles.
Every inmost part of her is
shaken, all comfort broken.
Her hand gropes for something firm to grasp,
but all that was certain has become
obscure, all encompassing,
racked with pain.
Scarcely able to catch her breath,
she feels each wave larger, more
frightening than the last.
And as the great wave breaks over her,
she is broken,
momentarily forgetting what she accepted,
what love she bears,
yet choosing to believe when all seems lost. ...

Jane M. Schultze

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