I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.
Ezekiel 34:16

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Psalm 100:1

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16

"'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these siblings of mine, you did it to me.'"
Matthew 25:40

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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 205 (2x)
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

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.

Baptismal Blessing

*__Hymn 366__
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Litany of Love (see insert)

*__Response 577__
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*__Response 587__
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*__Passing the Peace__

Blessing the World
Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Response 487, v. 1
These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4
Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God's kin-dom through our children's eyes.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
1 Corinthians 13

Communal Proclamation
Building a Church That Reflects God's Love

*__Hymn 693__
"Though I May Speak"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

The Baptismal Serenade
How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul!

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
"Canticle of Thanksgiving"

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Celebration of Ministry

*__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 583__ (2x)
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*__Postlude__

We have emerged from darkness into a bright new possibility, a new journey that we will make to the hidden land, the vision of peace in every human heart. The promise has been kept. Now the next world begins.
Steven Charleston

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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Sunday, November 22
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:30 p.m. Hospitality Reception welcoming New Members – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 24
6:00 p.m. Property Committee Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, November 25
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, November 26 • Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27
SPC Staff Holiday Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 29 • First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Today, November 22, 9:45 a.m.
in person/Hybrid. Receive updates from the Session, elect congregational leaders, and approve Pastor Terms of Call.

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Christ the King Sunday

We crown him King today who washed
his hands of Pilate's asking once.
Richard's mother died this week.
Oversee *that* realm, of spirits squashed
with grief unspeak-
able, whose silence skulks like a dunce

heavy, heavy on tight chests.
Help the family grieve grief gone.
So. "We seek the health and well-
being of your people," Verle prays. Guests
from Hanoi worship with us—like a dawn
after long Cold War whose heated hell

in Viet Nam shredded them
and us. Two Buddhists thanking us
for sharing worship speak like anthems
soft, precise, mellifluous.
We taste again today your sovereignty
as author of our destiny.

Ed Zahniser
A Calendar of Worship & Other Poems

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