Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Isaiah 64:8

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80:19

God is faithful.
1 Corinthians 1:9

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory." **Mark 13:26**

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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 103, (v.1-2)
Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all 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.

Advent Blessing

*__Hymn 89,__ v.1-3
"For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Prayer for Hope (see insert)

*__Response 103,__ v. 3-4
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come, hope of unity; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*__Response__ (2x)
Now is God's time for justice to flourish.
Now is God's time for peace to prevail.
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*__Passing the Peace__

Blessing the World
Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria

Response 90, refrain (2x)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

First Pew

Response 90, refrain (2x)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Mark 3:19b-27

Sermon
Birthing a Movement

*__Hymn 89,__ v. 4-6
"For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
"Freedom Is Coming"

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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 95__ (2x)
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

*__Postlude__
"Jesus is Just Alright," *Doobie Brothers*

HOPE — A time to imagine what is not yet.
SPC Youth

*Please rise in body and spirit.

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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 with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Tuesday, December 1
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 2
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, December 3
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Bible at The Bar – The Meck Inn, 128 E German St.

Friday, December 4
6:00 p.m. Meditation Circle – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 6 • Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
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 with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24
5 p.m. Family Service is back!
8 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

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Rest

Rest is resistance. As are singing and reckless laughter.
Three deep breaths: restorative, majestical.

Meditation: zenning out by the brook,
in the backyard, in cloister, in recliner, or even in coffee-shop.

Loving the leaves of November, thrill of forthright cold.
Exhalations puffing forth in white plumes.

Communion with poets, with artists,
with those who seek, with those who stumble.
Kneeling to Grace. Lighting votive candles.

Tending to every soul and every body
injured by current calamity. Washing the feet
of humans both luminous and difficult,
this is resistance. This will smithereen
all oppression, topple toxic structures.

Turning off the phone. Closing the laptop.
Writing longhand in a Moleskine
with a Pilot V5 rolling-ball pen.

Sipping tea: vanilla, cinnamon.

Mercy. Always mercy. Sustaining
the hopes of those who sustain our hopes.

Thomas DeFreitas

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