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Sunday through Thursday
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Pastor
By appointment
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By appointment

Sun 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
12:15 p.m. Middler's Christmas party. Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Sr. Youth bonfire party. Will Sutherland's
5:00 p.m. Practicing Silence. Sanctuary

Tue 23
7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Wed 24 Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Especially for children (30 minutes)
7:30 p.m. Young musicians pre-service recital
8:00 p.m. Choirs & Homily
11:00 p.m. Carol-sing & Holy Communion

Sun 28 1st Sunday of Christmastide
Isa. 61:10—62:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4:4–7; Luke 2:22–40
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan 1.

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the "wine" is alcohol free.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES in Fellowship Hall. If you don't intend to use them, please recycle. If yours is missing, or don't want to receive them in the future, see Kathy in the office.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28. In lieu of a sermon, brief testimonies of "light and grace in 2014."

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: (Jan. 4). All children are welcome, there is a part for everyone! Volunteers needed too. Contact Shanna, TheNicFamily@gmail.com, call or text 304-839-5006. Only two rehearsals: Saturday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. & Sunday, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING. The entire Christmas Eve offering goes to support Coalfield Development Corp. (50%), our Nicaragua partner: VERBO (25%) and CEPAD (25%).

ONE SERVICE ONLY Sunday, December 28 and January 4 at 10:45 a.m.

OUR HOMELESS GUESTS will arrive around 7 p.m., leave by 7 a.m. Jan. 3–9. Volunteers needed in three separate ef-

forts. **Morning meals:** Contact Helen & John Burns, 304.876.9146, helenburns@frontier.com. **Bag lunches:** Contact Nan Broadhurst, 304.876.1083, nanbroadhurst@me.com. **Overnight stays:** At least one man and one woman each night, Paul Hodder, 240.472.5721, phodder@frontiernet.net.

STEVE GARNAAS-HOLMES: Prayer as Poetry workshop. "Listening for the Word" explores the intersection of poetry and prayer as ways of listening for God, being intentionally receptive to what God would disclose to us, becoming more at ease with the land beyond words, and imagining how we might give voice to our deepest longings and insights. This is not a "writing workshop." No expertise or experience is required in either writing or praying. Just curiosity. **Saturday, January 18, 9:30-3:00.** Bring bag lunch. Fellowship Hall.

DC MISSION weekend for adults and youth (age 12 and up). January 23-25. Leave SPC Friday evening/return Sunday afternoon. Stay at the Church of the Pilgrims. Contact Kara Rolfe kararolfe@frontiernet.net for more information. Space is limited.

The Season of Advent
Fourth Sunday

December 21, 2014
10:45 A.M.

BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BEAR THE LIGHT

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief.

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith
in stubborn hope
in love that illumines
every broken thing
it finds.

Jan Richardson

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O Beloved, your steadfast love remains sure and faithful, Your promises endure forever. Awaken us, O Holy One! And humble us so we are compelled to cry out for forgiveness.

Psalm 89 (Merrill)

I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent. Did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

2 Samuel 7:6-7

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1:35, 38

Organ/Piano

Dianne Holliman

Interlude

Lois Spreen

Postlude

Mary Ann Hitt • Jade Pope
Morgan Wisniewski

Assistants

Vivian Alexander
Collin Lynch
Dylan Miller
Yvonne Fischer

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

Available in the nursery.
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Advent Wreath

Hymn 85

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

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.

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 108** (1-choir; 2, 5-6 all)

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

GRACE A BOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

(Silence)

Psalm 89 (Merrill)

Kyrie Eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Declaration of grace and gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
And love our neighbors as we love ourselves

***Response** (3x)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessing the World

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

Hymn 116 (vs 1, 2)

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 98 (1-choir; 2-6 all)

"To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

"Mary Did You Know"
Buddy Greene/Mark Lowry

Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Yes"

Hymn 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Dona Nobis Pacem

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"The Huron Carol"
16th Century French Carol
Jean de Breheuf/ arr. Georgiann Toole

Affirmation

Postlude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*stand if you are able

We all want something more. Advent asks the question, what is it for which you are spending your life? What is the star you are following now? And where is that star in its present radiance in your life leading you? Is it a place that is really comprehensive enough to equal the breadth of the human soul? **Joan Chittister**

We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly, but does not take place within myself? **Meister Eckhart**

It is no use saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. **Dorothy Day**

This is the mystery of the Christian life, to receive a new self, which depends not on what we can achieve but on what we are willing to receive. **Esther de Waal**

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