

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

**Isaiah 40:1**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Psalms 85:10**

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found at peace.

**2 Peter 14**

I have baptized you with water; but the one who is more powerful than I will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

**Mark 1:8**

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Georgiann & Brad Toole

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

**+Introit Hymn 92** (v. 1-2)

While we are waiting, come;  
while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come;  
with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, come.

**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 Prayer**

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*

**Advent Prayer**

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**Hymn 87**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Continued On

Like a bulb in the Winter,  
Hidden while the skies are gray,  
Maybe a daffodil or few  
Waiting for a perfect day.

Staying calm, staying quiet,  
Not knowing what the next day will bring,  
Feeling the frost come down on the bulb,  
Then comes the awakening of Spring.

The bulb is happy again,  
It was hopeful and strong,  
It was happy and pure as it endured,  
As it continued on.

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**Passing the Peace**

**Blessing the World**

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar,  
United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

**First Pew**

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**Minute for Mission**

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**THE WORD OF HOPE**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Isaiah 40:1-2, 9-1

**Sermon**

“Carried in Comfort”

**+Hymn 183** (v. 1-2)

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**+Response Hymn 183** (v. 3-4)

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**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.

**Charge and Benediction**

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**+Sending Hymn**

Winter solstice refrain (2x)

The light is coming.

The light is coming back.

Darkness may reign for a moment,  
but the light is coming back.

Sometimes you just want the comfort of knowing somebody really does care about you.

**Cara Lockwood**

Even the smallest tender mercy can bring peace when recognized and appreciated.

**Richelle E. Goodrich**

Your anchors are holding firm and they permit you both comfort in the present, and hope in the future.

**Boethius**

There is such a shelter in each other.

**Nick Laird**

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**“Winter Solstice”**

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**Sunday 6 • Second Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship & Communion via Facebook Live!
- 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner, Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**Monday 7**

- 7:00 p.m. Budget & Finance committee via Zoom

**Tuesday 8**

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Wednesday 9**

- 7:00 p.m. Advent Reflections via Zoom

**Thursday 10**

- 7:00 p.m. Session meets via Zoom

**Sunday 13 • Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28*

- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship & Communion via Facebook Live!

**ENVELOPES.** If you would like your 2021 offering envelopes mailed to you, please let Kathy in the office know.

**PLEDGE FORMS.** If you have not returned your pledge form, please do so as soon as possible so we have a general idea of our 2021 working budget.

**COFFEE TALK WITH PASTOR GUSTI** continues TODAY, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. A time to check in on how things are going and dream big for our ministry to come.

**COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY** consists of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. This month’s specialty will be seafood chowder with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS.** Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Advent, we will hold a 30 minute Zoom gathering to reflect together on the Advent themes of Hope (Dec. 2), Peace (Dec. 9), Joy (Dec. 16) and Love (Dec. 30 – delayed one week). Join Yvonne

Fisher, Larry Neumark, Anne Teresa and Leslie Williams for readings, silence, and sharing.

**STRENGTHENED TO THE END.** Our worship in the seasons of Advent through Epiphany invites us to experience the strengthening of the Spirit in ways we might not expect. Pay attention to places of “Sudden Hope” emerging in your life. If you are willing to share those experiences with others, you will be invited to record a message to be included in worship on Dec. 27.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING.** Please join in our Christmas offering to support two important project partners: the Coalfield Development Corporation in southern West Virginia, founded by our own Brandon Dennison with its many powerful people and business development initiatives; and the VERBO church and school in Bluefields, Nicaragua helping respond to the many needs among its Community. Please indicate Christmas offering in the memo line of your check or credit card contribution.

**Advent**  
Second Sunday

**December 6, 2020**  
11:00 a.m.

**An Old Story**

We were made to understand it would be  
Terrible. Every small want, every niggling urge,  
Every hate swollen to a kind of epic wind.

Livid, the land, and ravaged, like a rageful  
Dream. The worst in us having taken over  
And broken the rest utterly down.

A long age

Passed. When at last we knew how little  
Would survive us—how little we had mended

Or built that was not now lost—something  
Large and old awoke. And then our singing  
Brought on a different manner of weather.

Then animals long believed gone crept down  
From trees. We took new stock of one another.

We wept to be reminded of such color.

**Tracy K. Smith**

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