

**December 3, 2023 – Advent 1 – Hope**  
**Holy Communion at the Lord's Table**

**Scriptures (Beginning of Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary)**

**Hebrew Bible – Isaiah 64:1-9**

- hope in God's coming and reshaping the work of their hands

**Psalms – 80:1-7, 17-19**

- praying/hoping that God will restore us

**Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

- spiritual gifts to generate and spread hope

**Gospel – Mark 13:24-37**

- keep awake in hope of God's coming

**Sermon Title   Rebuilding from the Rubble with Hope**

**Word to Ponder   Hope**

**Hymns – 1 #110 – Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**2 #534 – All who hunger, gather gladly**

**3 128 – There's a voice in the wilderness crying**

**Special Notes**

- Opening song - #119 – Refrain + Hope is a star (v1) + Refrain
- For the season of Advent through Christmas Eve, we will explore the idea of *refugia*, as articulated by Debra Rienstra and Sarah Travis. They see the church as a space beneath the rubble where the elements of revitalization flourish and spread.
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## **December 10, 2023 – Advent 2 - Peace**

### **Scriptures – Hebrew Bible – Isaiah 40:1-11**

- Israel as the herald of good tidings

### **Psalm – 85:1-2, 8-13**

- God will speak peace to his people

### **Epistle – 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

- waiting for God's righteousness in God's time

### **Gospel – Mark 1:1-8**

- the good news of the forgiveness of sins

## **Sermon Title Rebuilding from the Rubble with Peace**

## **Word to Ponder Peace**

### **Hymns – 1 #112 – Prepare the way of the Lord**

**2 #127 – Sleepers, wake!**

**3 #113 – Comfort, comfort my people**

### **Special Notes**

- Opening song - #119 – Refrain + Peace is a ribbon (v2) + Refrain
- For the season of Advent through Christmas Eve, we will explore the idea of refugia, as articulated by Debra Rienstra and Sarah Travis. They see the church as a space beneath the rubble where the elements of revitalization flourish and spread.
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**December 17, 2023 – Advent 3 - Joy**

**Scriptures – Hebrew Bible – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

- repairing ruined cities & the devastations of many generations

**Psalm – 126**

- mouths filled with laughter and joy

**Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

- do not quench the Spirit by despising the words of the prophets

**Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28**

- John the Baptist as a voice in the wilderness for God's way

**Sermon Title Rebuilding from the Rubble with Joy**

**Word to Ponder Joy**

**Hymns – 1 #118 -Hark the glad sound**

**2 #124 – People in darkness**

**3 #115 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

**Special Notes**

- Opening song - #119 – Refrain + Joy is a song (v3) + Refrain
- For the season of Advent through Christmas Eve, we will explore the idea of refugia, as articulated by Debra Rienstra and Sarah Travis. They see the church as a space beneath the rubble where the elements of revitalization flourish and spread.
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**December 24, 2023 – Advent 4 – Love - Christmas Eve**  
**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

**#119 – Hope is a star**

**Genesis 22:15-18**

**#122 – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

**#160 – Unto us a child is born**

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

**#151 – Lo, how a Rose e're blooming**

**Solo**

**Reflection – *Rebuilding from the Rubble with Love***

**Music for Reflection**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**#163 – Of eternal love begotten**

**Matthew 1:18-23**

**#159 – Oh come, all ye faithful**

**Luke 2: 8-16**

**#138 – While shepherds watched their flocks**

**Matthew 2: 1-11**

**#173 – We three kings**

**John 1:1-14**

**#153 – Joy to the world**

**Commissioning & Benediction**