

Trinity Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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We are a dynamic Episcopal family united in following Christ.

*Seeking God * Growing in spirituality * Serving all with compassion * Embracing courageous hope*

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9:30a.m. Third Sunday of Advent – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude	<i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659)</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>Third Candle - The Candle of Love</i>
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To align with the order of readings in Year A, today we will light the Candle of Love, representing John the Baptist. Next week, we will light the pink Candle of Joy representing Mary.

(A person lights the Candles of Hope and Peace)

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

Officiant: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope and Peace. We light them again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace. Today we light the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show Gods love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

(A person lights the Candle of Love)

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: *Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.*

Opening Hymn #68	<i>Rejoice!, rejoice, believers</i>
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Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Trisagion S 102 - 3x sung	<i>(service music, marked with S, is found in the front of the blue hymnal)</i>
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

Priest: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 146, responding with the italicized verses.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in God their God;

*5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps their promise for ever;*

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

*7 God sets the prisoners free; God opens the eyes of the blind; *
God lifts up those who are bowed down;*

8 God loves the righteous; GOD cares for the stranger; *
God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

*9 God shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!*

Reader: A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

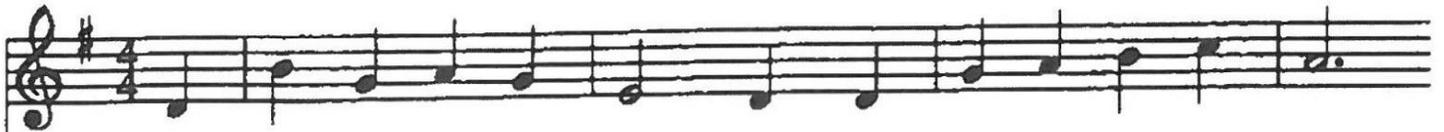
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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Song of Zechariah

Hal H. Hopson



1. Blest be the God of Is - rael, Who comes to set us free;
 2. God from the house of Da - vid A child of grace has given;
 3. On those who sit in dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,



Who vis - its and re - deems us, Who grants us lib - er - ty.
 A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To raise us up to heaven.
 The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore Him goes the her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise And bring the peo - ple peace.
 The proph - et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Celebrant: When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (*Many stand in praise for the Nicene Creed.*)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the ancient words Nicene Creed.

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercession Prayers

source: *New Zealand Prayer Book*

(Some kneel, others remain standing, yet others sit during this time of prayer. Do as you are able.)

Reader: Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,

People: the heavens tell of your glory;

Reader: for our land, its beauty and its resources,

People: for the rich heritage we enjoy.

Reader: We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

People: that we may use your gifts responsibly;

Reader: for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

People: that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;
Reader: for artists, scientists, and visionaries,
People: that through their work we may see creation afresh.
 (Silence)
Reader: We thank you for giving us life; we praise you for those who have found eternal life with you in heave, **especially Dorothy Mainolfi for whom the altar flowers have been given:**
People: for all who enrich our life together.
Reader: We pray for those commended to our care: **Cam, Jim, Mary Ann, Dick, Laurie, Sue, Elaine and Gary, Patricia, Nanci** and all who are sick,
People: for prisoners, refugees, and those who are deprived of fullness of life;
Reader: for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church, especially **The Anglican Church of Kenya; and Ministry of Green Mountain Online Abbey, Deacon Mary Taggart, the Rev. adwoa Lewis, Vicar for Discipleship and Formation.** We pray for Sarah, our priest, and all clergy and lay ministers.
People: for all who seek to bring life to others.
 (Silence)
Reader: We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. For parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: **Tom & Joanne Williamson, Mary Proulx, Mary Reitz, Becky Congdon, Adrian Sanford-Wilson, Brandy Ellison, Ella Meoli;**
People: Give us reverence for life in your world.
Reader: We thank you for your redeeming love;
People: may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.
 (Silence)
Reader: God, Creator, bring us new life.
People: Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Reader: Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.
Celebrant: God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life and ministries of Trinity Church. We are also grateful for your prayerful consideration of a pledge toward our 2023 Fearless Hope Campaign. Together, we reveal God's abundant love for the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle near the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

*Pervasive, never-absent One
Daisy Chew, clarinet*

Joel Martinson

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Many rise in praise during this part of the liturgy.*)

Sursum Corda *S 120*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *S 124*

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer B (*Many choose to kneel at this point. Others may remain standing. Do as you are able.*)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which

is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
*All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: (Rite I version)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.*

(Green Mountain Online Abbey version)

*Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,*

*may your reign come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.*

*For all creation, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Fraction S 152

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the

flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Hymn #54

*Savior of the Nations, Come!
organ variations by Hugo Distler*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

source: Saint Clare

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessings be with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #73

The King shall come when morning dawns

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

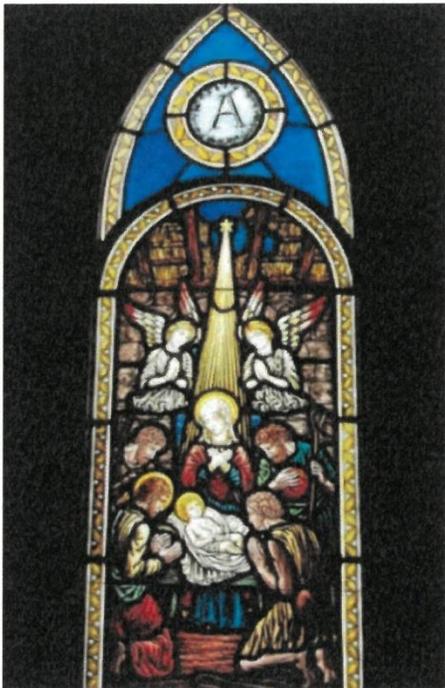
Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)

J. S. Bach

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.

Oh, come let us adore him!



Our Trinity Church family wishes you and yours a Holy and blessed Christmastide in 2022!

Come celebrate the Nativity of our Lord with us:

Christmas Eve

- ★ 7:00pm Choral Prelude
- ★ 7:30pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

- ★ 9:30am Holy Eucharist

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Announcements For week of December 11, 2022

Christmas Greens and Flowers—If you would like to remember your loved ones in this year's Christmas bulletins with a gift toward the Christmas décor, please submit your names (and donation noting Christmas flowers) to the office by December 18. If you can't offer a gift, we'll still take your remembrances, and God bless you!

Games and Crafts Social—The Outreach and Evangelism Team invite you to a fun afternoon of games and crafting *today* following worship and fellowship. Do you have a favored game? Bring it along!

Hanukkah Party—The Rutland Jewish Center is hosting a big family Hanukkah party this year, and we would love for you and your congregation members to join us. There will be live Klezmer music, lots of yummy food, and games for kids and adults alike! It will be held at the Rutland Jewish Center on December 18 from 3-6 pm. Please RSVP office@rutlandjewishcenter.org *today*!

Holiday Concert—You are invited to a free concert on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter Church in Rutland presented by students at Magdalen College. The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College will present a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmastide at Saint Peter Church. The acclaimed 20-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. Repertoire includes works by Byrd, Palestrina, Victoria, Darke, Todd, and others ranging from the 15th century to the present day. It will be capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing. It is free and open to the public.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN MEMORY OF:

Dorothy Mainolfi

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *Treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members:* Melissa Alarie; Lisa Frankel-Boerner; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*— Sue Patrick, Brenda Thurmer, Lisa Boerner, Lisa Frankel-Boerner; *Chalice Assistant*— Rich Jones; *Old Testament Reader*— Larry Jensen; *Epistle Reader*— Sarah Danner; *Intercessor*— Brian Barth; *Ushers*— Larry Patrick, Marc Brierre; *Live Stream Tech*— Dana Peterson; *Fellowship Host*— Katya Cooke

—Precautions for In-Person Worship—

Masks are now optional for those fully vaccinated/boosted.

We'll begin serving communion along the railing, still consuming the elements together in pews once all are served.

We encourage all to consider getting the updated vaccine booster that is now available to everyone ages 12+ (Pfizer) and 18+ (Moderna).

Ways of Giving—We are humbled by the generosity of people who support our church and its mission. So we've provided a number of options to make it easy, safe, and anonymous for giving. You may opt to set up either a one-time gift or your recurring pledge gift on the giving tab of our website. Another option is to text "TrinityRutland" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply. You may also scan this QR code and follow the instructions.

As always, if you prefer giving envelopes, we have those, too!



Outreach and Evangelism Events and Opportunities

Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday

Volunteer with Companions in Wholeness, the feeding ministry housed at Rutland UMC. To sign up contact Ellie McGarry via email emcgarry222@hotmail.com or text message (802) 236-3136. Volunteers needed from 6am-11am.

Advent Formation Opportunities

Diocesan Advent Series: Wrestling with Revelation



The Rev. adwoa Wilson, the Green Mountain Online Abbey's new vicar for discipleship and formation, will offer a series during Advent focused on the Book of Revelation.

Every Thursday in Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., people from across the diocese will gather virtually through the Green Mountain Abbey for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. The online gatherings will begin with the Order for Evening from the Book of Common Prayer, a reading from Revelation and small covenanted conversations (groups that stay together all four weeks

to get to know each other more deeply). Those considering the gatherings are asked to attend every gathering so that the small groups can grow together over time. RSVP to attend the online gatherings by emailing the Rev. adwoa Wilson at adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org.

The Brilliance of a Star - The Birth of Something New (Online Advent Series with Mission Farm)

Beginning November 30, Mission Farm will be hosting an online Advent series, "The Brilliance of a Star - the Birth of Something New." The sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact the church office for a link to register or visit missionfarmvt.org. (Trinity Scholarships available for suggested donation.)

- November 30, presented by Lisa Ransom, executive director of Mission Farm: "The Dirt -- Our Story of Deep Relationship with Our Sacred Center: A world infused with the Presence of The Divine."
- December 7, presented by Steven Eubanks, Franciscan Contemplative and former NASA engineer: "The Cosmos -- 'Nova' The Birth of Something New: An understanding of humanity entangled in the reciprocal goodness of Creation"
- December 14, presented by Tonita Branan, former English professor and social worker, and aspirant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church: "The Song of Songs and Advent: Is God this fresh? Can I be crushed? Spelled? Smitten?"
- December 21, presented by Sherry Osborn, Episcopal priest and nature educator: "Discover Our Mothering Story: Seeking to be in service to all of life's beings".

