



What I hear most often when people first walk into this space is, “Oh, wow.” In our 150-year-old church, there is this—a modern, dazzling brilliant depiction of “Christ of the Universe.”

Thank you for your inspiration to share it in a new way. The enclosed cards show portions of the window, and we have plans for more. (People in the community—outside the church—have been asking if they can collect a series of my business cards.) Next project: “coloring cards” of the window!

We are a small parish—about 35 people hanging on through some tough times, which included a year-and-a-half without a priest. And we are right in the middle of a downtown Renaissance in Allentown, PA. I came on half-time in October, and also serve half-time as missionary of a nearby Episcopal parish—the two parishes are now in a collaborative relationship, which we are defining as we walk together, each with unique gifts.

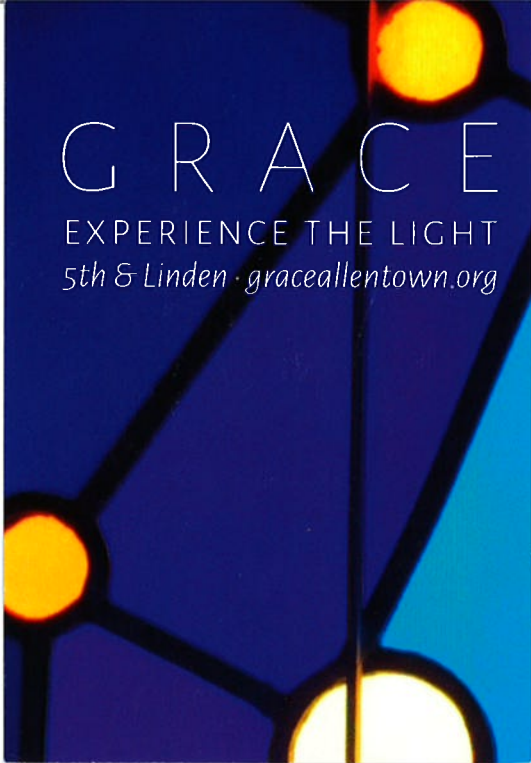
A note about the cards, in case it may help others with very limited budgets ... The “Moo Cards” are beautiful and I love the idea of different images on each, yet they seemed too expensive for us. We need to communicate in quantity! My business cards were \$30 for 500 through a neighborhood quick-print shop, and they recommended the “event cards” to us, because they can make them inexpensively—\$64 for 2,500.

Our pledge “ingathering” was on the first Sunday of Advent, with feasting at tables in this beautiful worship space—a celebratory brunch woven into the liturgy. The cards were introduced then, our work of evangelism blessed, and packets of cards distributed. Parishioners love them, and are eager to distribute them and share the church with others. I always carry several in my pockets—introducing people to God and the church as I walk around town, ride the bus, and attend city events and meetings. The images make them great conversation starters; even the most shy parishioners are inviting people to church.

In gratitude for your ministry,

The Rev. Twila Smith

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**December 10, 11 & 12**  
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**December 19**  
*Mini-retreat in the city · 9 a.m.-noon*  
**December 16, 23 & 30**  
*Companion series · 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays*

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
**Christmas Eve** 7:30 p.m.  
*The Feast of the Nativity*  
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist · 10 a.m.  
Christmas Day Sanctuary · 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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