Year C (2015–16)
Scriptures and Themes

Note: Inspired Version (IV) Bible verse numbers are noted where they differ; bold indicates scriptures to which the theme is most closely tied.

NOVEMBER 2015

   First Sunday of Advent (Hope)
   Be Alert!

DECEMBER 2015

   Second Sunday of Advent (Love)
   Prepare the Way of the Lord

   Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)
   Proclaim the Good News

   Fourth Sunday of Advent (Peace)
   The World Is about to Turn
   Micah 5:2–5a, Psalm 80:1–7, Hebrews 10:5–10

   Christmas Day
   God’s Love Made Visible
   Isaiah 9:2–7, Psalm 96, Titus 2: 11–14

27 Luke 2:41–52
   First Sunday after Christmas Day
   Develop Disciples to Serve
   1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17

JANUARY 2016

3 John 1:1–18/1:1–19 IV
   Second Sunday after Christmas Day
   Light for All People
   Jeremiah 31:7–14, Psalm 147:12–20, Ephesians 1:3–14
6 Matthew 2:1–12/3:1–12 IV (A, B, C)
"Epiphany of the Lord"
Follow the Star
Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3:1–12

"First Sunday after the Epiphany"
"Baptism of the Lord"
"Ordinary Time"
Be Baptized
Isaiah 43:1–7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14–17

17 John 2:1–11
"Second Sunday after the Epiphany"
"Ordinary Time"
"Racial Justice Day"
Believe!
Isaiah 62:1–5, Psalm 36:5–10, 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

"Third Sunday after the Epiphany"
"Ordinary Time"
Embrace Christ’s Mission
Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

"Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany"
"Ordinary Time"
Stand for Truth
Jeremiah 1:4–10, Psalm 71:1–6, 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

FEBRUARY 2016

7 Luke 9:28–43a
"Last Sunday after the Epiphany"
"Transfiguration Sunday"
Glimpse Jesus’ Glory
Exodus 34:29–35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

10 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21/6:1–6, 17–21 IV (A, B, C)
"Ash Wednesday"
Walk Humbly with God
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
First Sunday in Lent  
Youth Ministries Day  
Sojourn in the Wilderness  
Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13

Second Sunday in Lent  
Approaching Jerusalem  
Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18/15:1–16, 20–21 IV; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1

Third Sunday in Lent  
Repent and Become Fruitful  
Isaiah 55:1–9, Psalm 63:1–8, 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

MARCH 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
World Hunger Emphasis  
God’s Expansive Love and Grace  
Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

13 John 12:1–8  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Practice Extravagant Generosity  
Isaiah 43:16–21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b–14

Palm Sunday  
Witness the Joyful Entry  
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Passion Sunday  
Journey toward the Cross  
Isaiah 50:4–9a/50:4–6 IV, Psalm 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11

Maundy Thursday  
A New Commandment  
Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

25 John 18:1—19:42 (A, B, C)  
Good Friday  
Rejected and Despised  
   Easter Sunday
   Resurrection of the Lord
   Christ Has Risen!
   Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

APRIL 2016

3 John 20:19–31
   Second Sunday of Easter
   Peace Be With You
   Acts 5:27–32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4–8

10 John 21:1–19
   Third Sunday of Easter
   Do You Love Me?

17 John 10:22–30
   Fourth Sunday of Easter
   Follow Me

24 John 13:31–35
   Fifth Sunday of Easter
   Love One Another
   Acts 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1–6

MAY 2016

1 John 14:23–29
   Sixth Sunday of Easter
   Holy Spirit, Dwell with Us
   Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

   Seventh Sunday of Easter
   Ascension of the Lord
   Proclaim Jesus Christ
   Acts 1:1–11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15–23

15 Acts 2:1–21 (A, B, C) and John 14:8–17, 25–27
   Day of Pentecost/Endowment Sunday
   God’s Spirit Poured Out
   Genesis 11:1–9/11:1–6 IV; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:14–17
22 John 16:12–15
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Ordinary Time
Guided by the Spirit
Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1–5

29 Luke 7:1–10
Ordinary Time (Proper 4)
Recognize Faith, Wherever It Is Found
1 Kings 8:22–23, 41–43; Psalm 96:1–9; Galatians 1:1–12

JUNE 2016

5 Luke 7:11–17
Ordinary Time (Proper 5)
Reach Out in Compassion
1 Kings 17:17–24, Psalm 30, Galatians 1:11–24

12 Luke 7:36—8:3
Ordinary Time (Proper 6)
Your Sins Are Forgiven
2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15–21

Ordinary Time (Proper 7)
Declare God’s Goodness

Ordinary Time (Proper 8)
Discipleship Is Demanding
1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25

JULY 2016

Ordinary Time (Proper 9)
Sent in Christ’s Mission
Isaiah 66:10–14, Psalm 66:1–9, Galatians 6:1–16

Ordinary Time (Proper 10)
Show Mercy
Deuteronomy 30:9–14, Psalm 25:1–10, Colossians 1:1–14
Ordinary Time (Proper 11)
What Matters Most?
Genesis 18:1–10a/18:1–9 IV, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15–28

Ordinary Time (Proper 12)
Ask, Search, Knock

Ordinary Time (Proper 13)
Be Rich toward God
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14, 2:18–23; Psalm 49:1–12; Colossians 3:1–11

AUGUST 2016

7 Luke 12:32–40/12:35–47 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 14)
Practice Wise Stewardship
Genesis 15:1–6/15:1–12 IV; Psalm 33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Ordinary Time (Proper 15)
Discipleship Is Radical

Ordinary Time (Proper 16)
Be Set Free
Isaiah 58:9b–14, Psalm 103:1–8, Hebrews 12:18–29

28 Luke 14:1, 7–14
Ordinary Time (Proper 17)
A Place at the Table
Proverbs 25:6–7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

SEPTEMBER 2016

4 Luke 14:25–33/14:25–34 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 18)
World Hunger Emphasis
Discipleship Comes First
Deuteronomy 30:15–20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1:1–21

11 Luke 15:1–10
Ordinary Time (Proper 19)
Celebrate! The Lost Is Found
Exodus 32:7–14, Psalm 51:1–10, 1 Timothy 1:12–17
Ordinary Time (Proper 20)
Heritage Day
Faithfully Serve God
Amos 8:4–7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1–7

Ordinary Time (Proper 21)
Generosity: Motivated by Love
Amos 6:1a, 4–7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6–19

OCTOBER 2016

2 Luke 17:5–10
Ordinary Time (Proper 22)
Increase Our Faith
Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 37:1–9; 2 Timothy 1:1–14

9 Luke 17:11–19
Ordinary Time (Proper 23)
Be Grateful
2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8–15

16 Luke 18:1–8
Ordinary Time (Proper 24)
Children's Sabbath
Do Not Lose Heart
Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

23 Luke 18:9–14
Ordinary Time (Proper 25)
Humble Yourself
Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22; Psalm 84:1–7; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

30 Luke 19:1–10
Ordinary Time (Proper 26)
Welcome the Outcast
Isaiah 1:10–18; Psalm 32:1–7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

NOVEMBER 2016

Ordinary Time (Proper 27)
God of the Living
Job 19:23–27a; Psalm 17:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17
   Ordinary Time (Proper 28)
   Prepare to Testify
   Malachi 4:1–2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

   Reign of Christ
   Ordinary Time (Proper 29)
   The Prince of Peace Reigns
   Jeremiah 23:1–6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11–20