

Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. **Isaiah 35:6b**

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed. **Luke 1:48b**

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. **James 5:8b**

... 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. **Matthew 11:5**

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To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit: Come Now, O Prince of Peace 103, v. 2-3

Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

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

Prayer

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***Hymn 7**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Spirit of Christ, in your advent you come to form us into a people of hope, peace, joy, and love. But so often we fail to make space for you. We have been deformed by a world of cynicism, despair and alienation. Stories of scarcity and systems of violence shape us. Free us from all that separates us from you. Awaken in us a sense of wonder and mystery and appreciation for the miracle that is your creation and the magic of our deep connection with all that is. Lead us again in your way of choosing love every minute of every day. Amen

Kyrie (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

Declaration Response: Love Has Come 110 v. 3

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Blessing the World

Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

****Hymn 100 (v. 1-2)**

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

First Pew

Welcome/Parish Life

***Hymn 100 (v. 3-4)**

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Arr. Charles Callahan

Lesson

Luke 1:47-55

Sermon

"Re-Enchanting (Mother) Mary"

***Hymn 3**

"Womb of Life and Source of Being"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;
truly my hope is in you.
(choir on verses, all on refrain)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"
Arr. Carlton R. Young

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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.

***Hymn 100 (v. 1)**

"Canticle of the Turning"

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

"Wachet Auf"
J.G. Walther

It is now, at Advent, that I am given the chance to suspend all expectation ... and instead to revel in the mystery.

Jerusalem Jackson Greer

If the world is enchanted, by definition it must have a voice, because a chant is made by a voice, and so for enchanted living we need to hear voices ...

Thomas Moore

*The Re-Enchantment of
Everyday Life*

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be. **The Beatles**

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child. **Van Morrison**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Lord have Mercy
by Bro. Stefan Waligur

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sun 15 • Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

Mon 16

10:30 a.m. Christmas service at Canterbury

Tue 17

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 18

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spirituality. Library

Thu 19

10:00 a.m. Listening group. CR 1
7:00 p.m. EP Youth Alliance. FH

Sat 21

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. FH
8:00 p.m. Concert. Sponsored by
Shepherdstown Music & Dance

Sun 22 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19;
Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–25
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Immigration & Refugee. CR 1

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. Bread is gluten free; the "wine" is alcohol free.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the office. If yours is missing, or don't want them, see Kathy in the office.

FRIDAY PAINTERS are presenting a small sampling of their work in the Fellowship Hall. If interested in purchasing, please make checks out to the individual artist.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER THIS WEEK: December 14 - 20. Guests arrive around 7:00 p.m and depart by 7:00 a.m. Please pray our guests may experience the Radical Hospitality of Jesus in our midst.

SAVE THE DATE: January 12, 3:00 p.m is Pastor Gusti's Installation Service. "Installation" is the formal act of Shenandoah Presbytery to establish a pastoral relationship. The installation service completes the call process and formally establishes the ministry of the new teaching elder. All members of the congregation, interested community members, as well as Gusti's family and friends are invited to attend this very special occasion in the life of the church. A reception will follow the installation service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 5:00 p.m. Especially for

children; 8:00 p.m. Choirs, homily and candlelight; 11:00 p.m. Carol sing, communion and candlelight.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will be split between Bluefields, Nicaragua, partner church, and Coalfield Development Corporation, in southern WV.

ONE SERVICE ONLY 11 a.m. **December 29** (no Sunday Studio, children are welcome to sit with family) and **January 5** (children's pageant).

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT, Sunday, January 5, 11:00 a.m. All children are welcome to participate. There are parts for everyone. Rehearsals: **Saturday, January 4, 10-12 noon & Sunday, January 5, 9:30 a.m.** before the service. Sign up in the classroom or email Chris Morehouse at christophermorehou@gmail.com. If you registered your child with the frontier email address, please re-register. He no longer has access to that account.

JOY GIFT DINNER. Sunday, January 5, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church. Ham, beverages and tableware provided. Bring a food dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name: A–R: salad / vegetable or side dish; S–Z: dessert. Would you like to help plan, set up or clean up? It's a lot of fun and works best with many helping hands! Contact Cari Simon, via the office.

Advent
Third Sunday

December 15, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Remember

how you travelled the star road to earth
through your mother's body,
that you stretched through the walls
of her timeless waters into this world

Remember you carry the grandmothers in your legend,
how your body rhymes with the earth's rhythm
and as you travel out from the soil you started in,
remember to sell yourself your own true story

Remember your eyes speak the history
of how the sun touched your face,
each crinkle like a tree ring to say
this is how you laughed, this is how
you met the sorcery of sky

Remember the element wind,
how it breathes alive your animal skin
under cool clouds on long nights
and that life answers you in unexpected places
between earth and sky

You are here to find your own way home,
remember the melody you arrived with

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