

ORDER OF SERVICE

A primer for children

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Prelude

Welcome

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Lesson

John 1:1, 14

Lighting the Christmas candle

Carol

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 1:1-3

Carol

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Carol

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

The Nativity Story

Carol

“Away in the Manger”

Photo

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Prayer

Carol

“The Friendly Beasts”

Benediction

Postlude

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Pastor

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Piano & Autoharp

Terry Tucker

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Christmas wreathing

Sanctuary guild

Arch Angels by Larry Drechsler

Given by Jim and Sallye Price
in memory of James Carter Price, III

Offering baskets at exits

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.



OFFICE CLOSED: Dec. 24 through Jan 4.
CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will be split between Bluefields, Nicaragua, partner church, and Coalfield Development Corporation.

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11:00 a.m. Dec. 29 (no Sunday Studio, children are welcome to sit with family) and January 5 (children's pageant).

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT, Sunday, Jan 5, at 11:00 a.m. service. Two rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 29, 10-12 & Sunday, Dec 30, 9:45 a.m.

JOY GIFT DINNER. *The entire congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, Jan. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. Jan. 2 discussion is Ch. 5 "Jesus is the Norm of the Bible" in our study book, Marcus Borg's *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*. This meeting is our annual soup and bread luncheon. All women of the church are welcome.

COMMUNITY DINNER. First Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Sharing food and fellowship with our homeless neighbors. Go to PerfectPotluck.com coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked community dinner). Please use disposable containers. **Next: Jan. 5.**

INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor Gusti Newquist, January 12, 3:00 p.m. "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 in the Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING GROUP Third Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Classroom No. 1. Prayerful listening and conversation around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. All are welcome. **Next: Jan. 16.**

CONNECTIONS SPC's Shepherd University-based group for college students meets every other week at the Blue Moon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Next: Jan. 18**

SUNDAY SEMINARS (for adults) Starting Jan. 19, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

CANTERBURY SERVICE Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. **Next: Jan. 22**

SPC KNITTING GROUP Last Saturdays, 1 p.m., Bring your own project or join us making prayer shawls and baby blankets. **Next: Jan. 25**

COMMUNITY HYMN SING Last Sundays, 4:30 p.m., Join us for a solid hour of singing hymns with good tunes and inspiring lyrics. **Next: Jan. 26**

WINTER RETREAT DAY *Cultivating Hope.* **Jan. 31 9:30-3:30,** Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center, led by Trish Stefanik. Contact office to register.

TAIZÉ SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. *A Service of Prayer in song, silence, candlelight.* **Next: Feb. 8**

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Jefferson Security Bank for the use of its parking lots Sunday mornings and special evening programs.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Festival of the Incarnation

Christmas Eve 2019
5:00 P.M.

The Friendly Beasts

English, 12th Century

Jesus our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus our brother kind and good.

I, said the donkey shaggy and brown,
I carried his mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town.
I, said the donkey shaggy and brown.

I, said the cow, all white and red,
I gave him my manger for a bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head.
I, said the cow, all white and red.

I, said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
I, said the sheep with curly horn.

I, said the dove from the rafters high,
I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry;
We cooed him to sleep my mate and I.
I, said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus every beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift she gave Emmanuel.

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