

**Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church** is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. We cultivate a holistic spirituality that, while rooted in the Christian faith, welcomes the wisdom of all faith traditions. We are a house of prayer and a school of love, seeking to serve the world in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.



**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** will be split between our sister church VERBO in Bluefields, Nicaragua and the non-profit Coalfield Development Corp. founded by Brandon Dennison. Quality homes, quality jobs, quality lives for Wayne, Lincoln and Mingo counties.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Sunday, Dec 31, at 10:45 a.m. Two rehearsals: **Friday, 5:30 p.m.** (dinner provided) and dress rehearsal **Sunday, Dec 31, at 9:00 a.m.**, before the 10:45 a.m. service.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) CIRCLE** First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. **Next: Jan. 4**

**COMMUNITY DINNER.** First Sundays. Sharing food and fellowship with our homeless neighbors. **Next: Jan. 7**

**TAIZÉ SERVICE** First Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Sanctuary. *A Service of Prayer* in song, silence, candlelight. **Next: Jan. 10**

**LISTENING GROUPS** Prayerful listening & conversation around poetry & other selected texts. All are welcome. Third Wed. 7-8 p.m., in the balcony. **Next: Jan. 17.** Third Thur. 10-11 a.m., in Classroom #1. **Next: Jan. 18**

**CONNECTIONS** SPC's Shepherd University-based group for college students meets every other Thursdays at 4 p.m. at the Blue Moon. **Next: Jan. 18**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Next: Jan. 20**

**SUNDAY SEMINAR** *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Jesus taught under the

shadow of the Roman Empire. Yet even as the Empire exalted the rich and powerful, Jesus preached that the truly blessed are the poor, the hungry, and the weeping. How might we respond if we discover that our churches have more in common with the Empire than with the truly blessed? This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege and faith. Books are in the office, \$10 or pay what you can. **Begins Jan. 21** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**CANTERBURY SERVICE** Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. **Next: Jan. 24**

**SPC KNITTING GROUP** Last Saturdays, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Bring your own project or join us making prayer shawls and baby blankets. **Next: Jan. 27**

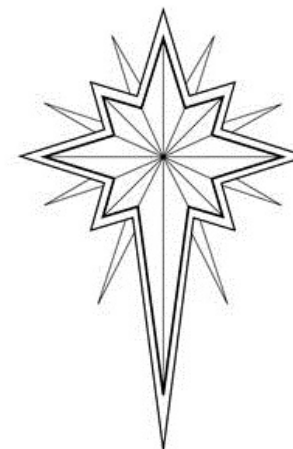
**COMMUNITY HYMN SING** Last Sundays, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room. Join us for a solid hour of singing hymns with good tunes and inspiring lyrics. Hymnals and song sheets are provided. **Next: Jan. 28.**

**WEEKEND FORUM** with Jessica Vasquez Torres and Crossroads Anti Racism Organizing and Training. This weekend will offer multiple opportunities to gather together and explore ways that systemic racism creates barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice, in our lives, and in institutions, especially the church. Clear your calendars, and stay tuned for more information. **February 16-18, 2018.**

**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 2017**  
11:00 P.M.



*"The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it."*



## SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We Choose Welcome*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Christmas carols**

**Silence**

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**Lighting Advent Candles**

**Choral Quartet**

“Lo How a Rose”

**Prayer of Adoration**

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.*

**Silence**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.  
In God I trust, in God I trust.*

**Silence**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem  
Dona nobis pacem*

**Silence**

**Luke 2:8-15**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo  
Gloria, gloria alleluia, alleluia.*

**Silence**

**Prayer for others**

*Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

**Silence**

**John 1:1-5, 14**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

**Communion in silence**

**Lord's Prayer**

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**Silence**

**Blessing**

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**Interim Pastor** Rev. Bill Sitterley

**Piano** Kari Edge

**Recorder** Terry Tucker

**Readers**

Jane Denchy • Paul Denchy

**Christmas wreathing**

Sanctuary guild

**Arch Angels** by Larry Drechsler

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

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Offering baskets at exits.