

Sun 29 **1st Sunday after Christmas**
10:45 a.m. Christmas/Epiphany pageant

Thur 2
10:00 a.m. Women's Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Sun 5 **Epiphany of the Lord Sunday**
Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Heb . 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table.

Tues 7
10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting

Wed 8
7:00 p.m. Taizé prayer in song, silence and candlelight

Thu 9
7:00 p.m. Worship committee meeting

Fri 10
6:30 p.m. Middler's skate party

Sat 11
8:30 a.m. Women's breakfast

Sun 12 **Baptism of the Lord**
Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER: Kids and Adults in Worship and Church Activities. Saturday, January 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by Parish Care Committee, Paul Kradel, chair.

WEEKEND MISSION TRIP TO DC. Adults and youth ages 12 and older are invited to participate **Friday evening, January 31 to Sunday, February 2.** For information or to register, contact Wendy Brown glacier96@aol.com.

YOGA & SPIRITUALITY RETREAT. SPC Deacon and yoga teacher Terry Lindsay will be leading this retreat at Harmony Healing Arts Center, 211 E. New St., Shepherdstown **Saturday, February 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Whether you are new to yoga or experienced, the retreat is suitable for all. \$10 donation. Space is limited to 18 people. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact retreat director Yvonne Fisher 304-876-2480 or ygfisher@frontiernet.net.

Christmastide
First Sunday

December 29, 2012
10:45 A.M.

Lord God,
in the deepest night
there rises the star of morning,
of birth,
the herald of a new day you are making,
a day of great joy dawning
in yet faint shafts
of light and love.

I hear whispers of peace in the stillness,
fresh breezes of promise
stirring,
winter sparrows
chirping of life,
a baby's cry
of need
and hope --
Christmas!

In the darkness I see the light
and find in it comfort,
confidence,
cause for celebration,
for the darkness cannot overcome it;
and I rejoice to nourish it
in myself,
in other people,
in the world
for the sake of him
in whom it was born
and shines forever,
even Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Ted Loder

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BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

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

Proclamation

In life and in 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 Worship

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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Hymn 41 (vs 1, 2)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive and renew us that we might see and embody your light in the world.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
And love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Hymn 41 (vs. 3)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Parish Life

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"Life & Light of the World"

Hymn 25 (v. 1)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 59 (v. 1)
"While Shepherds Watched"

Hymn 56 (vs. 1, 2)
"The First Nowell"

Hymn 61 (vs. 2, 3)
"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

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Hymn 23 (vs. 1, 3)
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn 64
"From a Distant Home"

Affirmation

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Acclamation

With believers in all times and places
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can ever separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

Charge & Benediction

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Postlude