

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (Hymn 155, 2x)

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
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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 133 (vs. 1, 3, 4)
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that we hide from 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

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

Parish Life

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"The King's Birthday"

Hymn 140 (vs. 1, 2)
"Once in Royal David's City"

Hymn 114 (vs. 1, 2)
"Away in a Manger"

Hymn 113 (vs. 1, 2)
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn 145 (vs. 1, 2)
"What Child Is This"

Hymn 151 (vs. 1, 2)
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Song

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"
Traditional / Directed by Terry Tucker

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

Affirmation

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

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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



Sun 30 • First Sunday Christmas

9:45 a.m. Pageant rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship & Pageant

Thu 3

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall

Fri 4

8:00 p.m. Fiddle concert. Sanctuary

Sat 5

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Martha Young

Sun 6 • Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town
5:00 p.m. Joy Gift dinner. Asbury United Methodist Church

JOY GIFT DINNER. Sunday, Jan. 6, 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–H dessert, I–P side dish, Q–Z vegetable or salad. 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 the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Jan. 6, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or 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.

SUNDAY SEMINARS will begin 2019 with continued conversation on gender

and sexuality, as we seek to deepen our capacity to welcome and celebrate all people. Jan 20 and 27. Starting in February we will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing* devoted to the topic, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Rohr writes "Anger can actually be an expression of compassion, a willingness to uphold boundaries that are sacred or stand up for someone who is being oppressed." Fellowship Hall @ 9:45. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

SPANISH LESSONS and Chat at SPC. Join us Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 pm, starting Jan. 9. Half the session will be in Spanish and half in English. If you want to start right away, you can sign on to Duolingo which offers free Spanish lessons on line. Hope you can join us!

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Christmastide
First Sunday

December 30, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Pageant

O Christmas saints, come gather here in my Bethlehem:
let the miracle unfold in me.
Come, Gabriel, interrupting angel,
and tell the innocent Virgin within me
that she shall bear holiness into the world.
Come, dreams, and haunt me with the courage
to marry the blessing I would spurn.
Come, tender Joseph, and walk with me
along this road of not knowing.
Come, natal star, build your nest in my darkness,
and guide me to seek, and keep seeking.
Mark my life with your promise
that beauty may be found here.
Come, magi, from your wanderings,
and teach me to follow; teach me to behold.
Come heavenly choir, breathing wonder:
Astonish my routine. Awaken me.
Send me into this village looking, looking.
Come, shepherds and all who are shabby and shady,
and show me how to recognize glory
swaddled in the mundane.
Come, Holy Child, and be alive in me, wordlessly,
helplessly drawing out all my love.
O Christmas miracle, come to the little shed of my life;
enfold me in your strangeness
and make me a house of wonder.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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