

Celebrant

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are 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 Music

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Prelude/Carol

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Christmas 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!*

Lesson

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.*

Reading

Carol

*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.*

The Nativity Story

Carol

*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.*

Blessing

Offering Our Gifts

Carol

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

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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 for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Christmas Eve
Family Service

December 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 *Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

No 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

No Sunday Seminar or Sunday Studio

• **Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

5:00 p.m. Family Service in Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

8:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols in Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion in Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 • Christmas Day, Happy Birthday Jesus!

Church Office Closed

Dawn: *Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20*

Day: *Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14*

Saturday, December 30

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 31 • First Sunday of Christmastide

1 *Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52*

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Every single creature is full of God
and is a book about God.
Every creature is a word of God.
If I spend enough time with the tiniest creature,
even a caterpillar,
I would never have to prepare a sermon.
So full of God is every creature.

Meister Eckhart

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We Choose Welcome