

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. **Isaiah 11:9**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people. **Psalms 72:3**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another. **Romans 15:2**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” **Matthew 24:44**

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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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 88 v. 1-2, 6-7

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Proclamation

In life and 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.

Our Advent Peace

+Response 85 v. 2

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish the darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.*

Prayer for Peace

If you are not to become a monster, you must care what they think.

If you care what they think, how will you not hate them, and so become a monster

of the opposite kind? From where then is love to come—love for your enemy that is the way of liberty?

From forgiveness. Forgiven, they go free of you, and you of them; they are to you as sunlight on a green branch.

+Response 92, v.1-2

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory, come ...*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 137, v. 1, 3**

*He came down that we may have love (3x);
hallelujah forevermore!
He came down that we may have peace ...*

Blessing the World

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

First Pew

+Response 158, v.1, 4

“Born in the Night, Mary’s Child”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Isaiah 11:6-9

Sermon

“Transformed By Compassion”

***+Hymn 692**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

+Response 752

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Comfort Now My People”

Children’s Blessing

***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord

***+Sending 105 v. 3**

*Bird, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People look east: Love, the Bird, is on the way.*

***Postlude**

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries.

Dalai Lama

Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Compassion is ... a relationship between equals.

Pema Chödrön

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle.

Plato

Prayer for Peace

Wendell Berry

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

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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.



Sunday, December 4 • Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling Hymn Sing - Steps of McMurrin Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Friday, December 9

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

Saturday, December 10

- 11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens: A Ritual of Reflection and Action - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 11 • Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–1

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Narthax
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar- Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Fellowship Hall

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Latin text of the Introit pre-dates the 9th Century, reclaimed by 19th Century post-Reformation hymnody. The Advent Wreath Response is set to a Yiddish love song. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness serves as a simple, meditative prayer. The Response to the Declaration, from Cameroon, can be cast as a call and response. The Response to the First Pew reflects the full arc of the Incarnation: birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn opens our hearts to the spectrum of human experience. The Communion hymn is from the Taizé community. The Sending hymn is set to a French melody.

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Advent

Second Sunday

December 4, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Tao Te Ching, Chapter 68, excerpt

The good leader in war is not warlike
The good fighter is not impetuous;
The best conqueror of the enemy
is he who never takes the offensive.
The man who gets the most out of men
is the one who treats them with humility.

Lao Tzu

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