

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.

Isaiah 9:1

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Psalms 96:11

The grace of God has appeared!

Titus 2:11

All who heard it were amazed.

Luke 2:18

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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

***Introit 133, v. 1, 3**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6

***Carol 134, v.1, 4**

“Joy to the World”

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Welcome

Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol 115, v. 1, 3

“Away in a Manger”

Lesson

Luke 2:8-15

***Carol 113, v. 1, 3**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lesson

Luke 2:15-21

Carol 147, v. 1-2

“The First Nowell”

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Reading

Interlude

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Lesson

Isaiah 9:1, 4-5

Meditation

“Fuel for the Fire”

***Carol 136**

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

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Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Lesson

John 1:1-6, 14

***Carol 122, v.1 - 3**

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

*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.*

***Blessing**

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***Postlude**

You cannot, you cannot use someone else's fire. You can only use your own.

Audre Lorde

If your thought is a rose, you are a rose garden; and if it is a thistle, you are fuel for the fire.

Rumi

Love, like fire, goes out without fuel.

Mikhail Lermontov

If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire.

C. S. Lewis

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lessons Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Gospel of John Translation

King James Version

Sermons & Information
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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.



The Nativity of Jesus
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 - Merry Christmas Eve!

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

5:00 p.m. Family Service with Friendly Beasts - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Service of Lesson and Carols - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

11:00 p.m. Contemplative Candlelight Communion - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 • Happy Birthday Jesus!

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

Pastor Gusti on Study Leave

Early Service is on hiatus until January 8

No Sunday Seminar, Sunday Studio or Nursery

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

Monday, December 26 • Church Office Closed - Staff Holiday

4:00 p.m. Historic Houses of Worship Tour until 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 • Happy New Year!

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COVID PROTOCOL: Masking is recommended but not required for those who are vaccinated. Masking remains required for those who are not vaccinated. Masking remains required for everyone when entering the church office.

PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE TAKING STUDY LEAVE Sunday, December 25 – Saturday December 31. Debbie Romano will offer Guest Reflections on December 25 and will be available for pastoral emergencies.

OUR JOY GIFT DINNER IS MAKING A COMEBACK! The annual event's purpose is to collect money to supplement Presbyterian pastors' retirement income. It's a fun event for the entire family. January 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church on Rt. 480. Last names A-M, bring a side dish; N-Z, bring dessert. Ham and drinks will be provided.

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Fire

What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs packed in too tight
can douse the flames almost as surely
as a pail of water would.

We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire grows simply because
the space is there,
with openings in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.

Judy Brown

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We Choose Welcome