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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.

Enter in silence

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Prelude

Welcome

Christmas Carols

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Silence

Prayer of Adoration

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor

Genesis 1:1-5

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.
In God I trust, in God I trust.

Silence

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem

Lighting the Christ Candle

Silence

Luke 2:8-15

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Silence

Prayer for Others

John 1:1-5, 14

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Communion

Prayer of Jesus

Offering Our Gifts

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.

Silence

Blessing

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
Candelight Communion

December 24, 2023
11:00 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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Where the Light Begins, *excerpt*

Perhaps it does not begin.
perhaps it is always.
Perhaps it takes a lifetime
to open our eyes
to learn to see what has forever
shimmered in front of us.

Jan Richardson

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We Choose Welcome

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