

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.

**Jeremiah 33:15**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love.

**Psalms 25:6**

How can we thank God enough for you?

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

“People will faint from fear and foreboding.”

**Luke 21:26**

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**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**Introit**

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.*

**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.

**Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

**Prayer**

**Response**

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Compel me to know your ways, O Love;  
instruct me upon your paths.  
Lead me in your truth,  
and teach me,  
for through You will I know  
wholeness;  
I shall reflect your light  
both day and night.

**Kyrie**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Alleluia**

**Blessing the World**

Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria

**First Pew From a Distance**

**+Response**

“These Treasured Children”

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Psalms 25:6-7

**Sermon**

“Birthing Hope”

**\*+Response 104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**\*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**

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.*

I still arrive, in order to laugh  
and to cry, to fear and to hope.

**Thich Nhat Hanh**

A very small degree of hope is  
sufficient to cause the birth of  
love.

**Stendahl**

Purpose gives birth to hope  
and instills the passion to act.

**Myles Munroe**

Hope is like a harebell trem-  
bling from its birth.

**Christian Rossetti**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Affirmation**

*The light that was in Jesus  
shines in me and around me.*

**Opening Prayer,  
Prayer for Wholeness, and  
Lesson Translation**

Nan Merrill

*Psalms for Praying*

**A White Rose**

*In Memory of  
Marty Broadhurst*

*In Memory of  
Marilyn Spreen*

**Flowers**

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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, November 28 • First Sunday of Advent**

*Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

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

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

**Tuesday, November 30**

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

3:00 p.m. Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil (see below)

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Thursday, December 2**

7:00 p.m. Parish Care Committee Meeting via Zoom

**Saturday, December 4**

9:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 5 • Second Sunday of Advent**

*Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 1:68–79; Philippians 1:3–11; Luke 3:1–6*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

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

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

4:00 p.m. Community Christmas Caroling - All invited!

Meet on the steps and lawn of McMurrin Hall, corner of German and King Streets downtown.

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town, WV

**BIRTHING HOPE: Advent Labor through an Ongoing Pandemic. November 28 - December 24, 2021.** The story of Christmas, in hindsight, is a promise of hope through a time of despair. But what if we did not know the end of the story? What if, like a pandemic, the time before Christmas is full of fits and starts, opening up and closing back down, humming and clinging to hope we will one day sing again? Join our Advent Labor of Love this year, as we Birth Hope through an Ongoing Pandemic.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET.** Help pay for building materials for a Habitat for Humanity house for the Abrahante family on Sage Place in Shepherdstown! Give an alternative holiday gift in the name of someone you love. Pick up a flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

**TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE VIGIL, Tuesday, November 30, 3:00pm, lawn of McMurrin Hall.** Join Shepherd students in a solemn ceremony to name the victims of violence against transgender people and commit ourselves to justice and grace.

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**The Season of Advent**

First Sunday

**November 28, 2021**

11:00 a.m.

Although the wind  
blows terribly here,  
the moonlight also leaks  
between the roof planks  
of this ruined house.

**Izumi Shikibu**

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