

Do not fear, O Zion; do not  
let your hands grow weak.

**Zephaniah 3:16b**

With joy you will draw wa-  
ter from the wells of salva-  
tion.

**Isaiah 12:3**

Let your gentleness be  
known to everyone.

**Philippians 4:5**

“Whoever has two coats  
must share with anyone  
who has none.”

**Luke 3:11**

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**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**+Introit**

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.*

*Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory, come; ...*

**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 Worship**

**Response**

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*With power and glory, come; ...*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Creator God, give us a heart for simple things:  
love and laughter, bread and wine, friend and stranger.

Come to our table in all those guises.

As we dine with you let this be a table

where love and laughter are free,

where bread and wine are shared,

and where every stranger becomes a friend.

**Kyrie**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Alleluia**

**Blessing the World**

Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

**First Pew From a Distance**

**+Response 487**

*“These Treasured Children”*

*These treasured children present now*

*are bound to us by sacred vow:*

*with love, we make a heartfelt claim*

*to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 3:7-14

The crowds asked John the Baptizer,

*What then should we do?*

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,

*Teacher, what should we do?*

Soldiers also asked him,

*And we, what should we do?*

**Sermon**

“Hope Shares”

**\*+Response**

“If I Have Two Coats”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

† † †

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**\*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**

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.*

*Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory, come; ...*

There is hope, even when your  
brain tells you there isn't.

**John Green**

When the world says, “Give  
up,” Hope whispers, “Try it  
one more time.”

You have come too far to stop  
now.

You must do the thing you  
think you cannot do.

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Affirmation**

*I act with inner peace and  
fairness in all I do.*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Fellowship of Reconciliation

**Lesson Translation**

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**Flowers**

many generous donations  
from the Congregation

**+Hymns**

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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 12 • Third Sunday of Advent**

*Zephaniah 3:14–20; Isaiah 12:2–6; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 3:7–1*

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)

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Monday, December 13**

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 14**

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

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 15**

10:30 a.m. Listening Group - Classroom 1

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Thursday, December 16**

6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Friday, December 17**

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Saturday, December 18**

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast via Zoom

7:00 p.m. SPC hosting Cold Weather Shelter until 7 a.m.

**Sunday, December 19 • Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Micah 5:2–5a; Luke 1:46b–55; Hebrews 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45 (46–55)*

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)

**THE OTHER SIDE: CAMPAIGN FOR STRANDED REFUGEES IN MEXICO, Sunday, December 12, Fellowship Hall, following both services.** Social Justice/Immigrant and Refugee Support is kicking off a campaign to highlight the dire situation of asylum seekers and refugees expelled to Mexico by the US Customs and Border Pa-

rol. A short video will be shared in the Fellowship Hall following both services, where you will meet Dora Rodriguez and Pancho Martin who are working to heal the trauma, educate and advocate for those pushed to The Other Side.

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**The Season of Advent**

Third Sunday

**December 12, 2021**

11:00 a.m.

Excitedly, anxiously the tiny flock of tiny Downy Woodpeckers

Looked for breakfast bugs and insect pests

Pecking randomly in bare, leafless winter trees

At the bark of both the dying and the healthy

The sky is soft stripes

Of alternating blues and white

Winter quiet and cold but still beautiful busting

Full of life, excitement in every new day dawning.

Stewart Acuff

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