

The Lord himself will give you a sign. **Isaiah 7:14**

Give us life, and we will call on your name.

Psalms 80:18

Grace to you and peace.

Romans 1:7

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

Matthew 1:20

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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 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet 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.

Our Advent Love

+Response 85 v. 4

*Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish the darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining.*

Prayer for Love

The river stones are listening
because we have something to say.
The trees lean closer today.
The singing in the electrical woods
has gone dumb. It looks like rain
because it is too warm to snow.
Guardian angels, wherever you're hiding,
we know you can't be everywhere at once.
The magpies gaze at us, still
waiting. River stones are listening.
But all we can say now, is
Mercy, please, rock me.

+Response 92, v. 1, 3

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come ...*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 137, v. 1 (2x)

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

Blessing the World

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

First Pew

+Response 158, v. 1- 2

“Born in the Night, Mary's Child”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 1:18-20

Sermon

“Angels of Mercy”

*Hymn 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I Smile”

*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 5

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.*

People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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*Prepare the Way

Worry is an accusation
against divine wisdom, a
criticism of divine mercy.

Said Nursi

The Lord can be known by
the mercy of the Lord only
and by no other means.

Srimad-Bhagavatam

The quality of mercy is not
strain'd.

William Shakespeare

Without mercy of our-
selves we cannot love the
world. **Buddha**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Love

Yusef Komunyakaa

Lesson Translation

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Poinsettias

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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 18 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair - Narthex

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

Monday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance - (EYPA) - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice - Sanctuary

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!

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The 17th Century Opening Hymn is translated from a German contemplative text. 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 18th Century Sermon Hymn is by prolific Methodist hymnwriter Charles Wesley. The Communion hymn is a 15th Century German text set to a 17th Century carol. The Sending hymn is set to a French melody.

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Advent
Fourth Sunday

December 18, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Mercy

She asked me to kill the spider
Instead, I got the most peaceful weapons I can find

I take a cup and a napkin.
I catch the spider, put it outside
and allow it to walk away

If I am ever caught in the wrong place
at the wrong time, just being alive
and not bothering anyone,

I hope I am greeted
with the same kind
of mercy.

Nikki Giovanni

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