

They shall beat their swords
into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks.
Isaiah 2:4

Peace be within your walls.
Psalms 122

The night is far gone; the
day is near.
Romans 13:12

The Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.
Matthew 24:44

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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 91 (2x)
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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 Sabbath
***+Hymn 89, v, 1-3**
“For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”

Prayer for Sabbath
Holy One, you promise days of justice and safety.
Sabbath is With Us: hope for the weary.
You steady us when the world shakes.
Sabbath is With Us: hope for the weary.
You call us to stand with hope, not fear.
Sabbath is With Us: hope for the weary.

+Response 92 (2x)
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting. Come.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude
***+Response 137, v. 2 (2x)**
He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore!

Blessing the World
Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria

Response 158, v. 1-2
Born in the night, Mary’s Child, a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary’s Child, born in a borrowed room.
Clear shining light, Mary’s Child, your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary’s Child, dawn on our darkened day.

First Pew

Response 158, v. 3-4

Truth of our life, Mary’s Child, you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary’s Child, shown on your cross of wood.
Hope of the world, Mary’s Child, you’re coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary’s Child, walk in our streets again.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading
Interlude
“Green Grow’th the Holly”

Lesson
Luke 21:25-36

Sermon
“Sabbath With Us: Hope for the Weary”

***+Hymn 89, v, 4-6**
“For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer
Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
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***Credo**
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 765**
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

***Postlude**

So the darkness shall be the
light, and the stillness the
dancing. **T. S. Eliot**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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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.



First Sunday of Advent, November 30

Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11–14 Matthew 24:36–44
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Monday, December 1

1:00 p.m. Collaboration Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
6:30 p.m. Book Club Community Event – Sanctuary/Hybrid

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7

Isaiah 11:1–10 Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 Romans 15:4–13 Matthew 3:1–12
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Holiday Party – Downstairs

SERVICE MUSIC IN ADVENT: The Introit refrain centers on the name of Jesus meaning “God with us.” The Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is a simple, meditative Advent hymn. The Response to the Declaration is a traditional Cameroonian call and response. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew tells the full arc of Incarnation (birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return) with a blues-like tune. The Communion Chant is by Stefan Waligur, setting the words of Julian of Norwich to music.

TODAY’S HYMNODY: The Opening and Sermon Hymn is an echo of a medieval hymn, adapting four of the seven “Great O” antiphons sung liturgically each day of the week before Christmas Eve. The Sending Hymn is set to an Argentine folk melody.

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Walking

Take a step,
Put one foot
In front of
The other foot.
Oh,
It is so hard to lift
One foot
Feel bone and balance shift.
To walk at all
Is just a series of arrested falls.
So,
Do not fall.
Put
One foot
In front of
The other foot,
And then
Again,
And go.

Anna Tessaro

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We Choose Welcome