



THE MESSENGER

December 2025

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

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PASTOR'S NOTE: *Sabbath With Us*, the Heartbeat of Advent

Dear friends,

All autumn long, we have listened to the *cries that make Sabbath necessary* — the cries for freedom, peace, help, rest, and renewal. Now, as the nights grow longer and the candles of Advent begin to glow, those cries begin to transform into a heartbeat — the heartbeat of Christ, who comes as *Sabbath-With-Us*.

This Advent, we link Sabbath with the mystery of incarnation — the astonishing truth that God's rest, God's justice, God's joy has taken flesh among us.

- **December 7 — *The Path of Peace***

John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way for Christ by clearing the clutter from our hearts and communities — not through fear, but through peacemaking.

- **December 14 — *Joy That Restores***

Mary sings her Magnificat, proclaiming that joy itself is an act of resistance — joy that lifts the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

- **December 21 — *Love Made Flesh***

Joseph wakes from his dream and chooses love — quiet, steadfast love that shelters the vulnerable and brings the holy into the ordinary.

- **December 24 — *Birthing Sabbath With Us***

On Christmas Eve, we join creation's long labor, midwifing God's rest into the world. Here, in flesh and breath and light, we birth the Sabbath that has always been God's dream for creation.

- **December 28 — *Protecting Sabbath With Us***

Even as angels warn and families flee, God's rest persists. The Sabbath is fragile, yes, but fiercely protected by those who listen to its whisper in a still too-weary world.

In this season, Sabbath is not simply a pause from busyness. It is *the Presence that meets us in the midst of it* — the Christ who comes not to escape the world, but to dwell in it fully, restoring the sacred rhythm of creation.

May we prepare room in our hearts, our homes, and our collective life — not just for a holiday, but for the holy rest that takes flesh and dwells among us.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Gusti

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 in the world.

The "core commitments" that guide us, and the underlying beliefs that support them are:

Radical Hospitality: We Choose Welcome

- Everyone and everything, and every part of ourselves, is included in the circle of God's love.
- Imperfections and suffering are integral to the spiritual path.

Holistic Spirituality: Everything Belongs

- The Way of Jesus is a path of transformation.
- Doubt and questions are essential to faith.
- We are connected in Love with all, including those who have gone before us, and all those yet to come.
- We value all sources of Wisdom.

Engaged Compassion: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God

- The Way of Jesus is a way of being in this world, loving, serving and making things whole.
- Loving God means loving all of creation.

Church Staff

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Sabbath As Incarnation and Fulfillment

Advent - Epiphany 2025-2026 Worship at SPC

Sabbath in Scripture is God's gift of freedom, justice, and healing —
a holy interruption of endless striving and its harmful consequences.
In Advent, we discover the heartbeat of Sabbath in the coming of Christ.

Sunday, November 30

Guest Preacher Mary Jane Hitt

Luke 21:25-36

First Sunday of Advent

Communion

"Your redemption is drawing near."

Sunday, December 7

Sabbath With Us: The Path of Peace

Matthew 3:1-12

Second Sunday of Advent

Communion

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Sunday, December 14

Sabbath With Us: Joy that Restores

Luke 1:47-55

Third Sunday of Advent

Communion

"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Sunday, December 21

Sabbath With Us: Love Made Flesh

Matthew 1:18-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Communion

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

Wednesday, December 24

Birthing Sabbath With Us

Titus 2:11-14

Christmas Eve

8pm Lessons and Carols

11pm Candlelight Communion

... to align our lives, prudently, with God's justice ...

Sunday, December 28

Protecting Sabbath With Us

Matthew 2:13-15

First Sunday After Christmas

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



CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE

Christa Mastrangelo Joyce
Director of Children and Youth Formation

The youth and children have had a busy and exciting month! In youth world, the highlight of the past month came on October 26 when the youth and I led the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The theme, designed by the youth and me, centered on 1 John 4:16-18, with a focus on love in the presence of God and Jesus. This love can and does hold all of us, including our fears. Almost every youth member showed up to lead a series of vignette-style skits that depicted the group in an art class where they were “painting” their fears. Both the surface fears, like a fear of crowds or heights, and deeper fears that drive people, like the fear of disorder or of being out of control, were depicted. Between the two modern-setting art class skits was a skit that showed the Mark story with Jesus walking across the surface of a lake to the frightened disciples in their boat. Peter’s willingness to step out of the boat was discovered and considered. Huge thanks are owed to both Amanda Groff for set design, construction and directorial support, and Morgan Wisniewski for additional directorial support.

In the two weeks prior to the service, we had the opportunity to contemplate fear and love in the context of our relationship with God and to consider the fears so many of us live with. The youth were mature, sensitive, compassionate, wise, and humorous in their work with the topics. It was an incredible delight!

In the meantime, our younger folks have moved from contemplating justice to considering Good News! It’s been fun to look at examples of good news being told or revealed in the Bible, as well as good news that keeps revealing itself every day when we pay attention. We are creating a “Good News” banner that we’re excited to share with the congregation during the month of December.

I have finished the fourth of my courses through Union Seminary that are required for the Christian Educator certification. This course provided me with a wealth of resources that are enabling me to design curriculum for the children currently and will continue to inform future programming for the youth as well for adults. I am excited to offer the upcoming Advent Sunday Studio class on November 30 that was designed with these resources.





NOVEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Suellen Myers, Clerk of Session

SPC Session met on November 13, 2025, at 7:00pm with a quorum present.

Budget & Finance reports that giving is slightly ahead of expenses and that pledges are coming in at about the same pace as last year. The transition to Erie Insurance has been completed.

Christa Mastrangelo Joyce gave an update on her studies toward certification as a Christian Educator. She's finished 4 of the 6 blocks of study and feels that she has been given the tools to better understand reformed theology as well as a deeper understanding of living into faith. She has also written a new curriculum for Youth Group based on the parables. She will finish the program next spring.

Debbie Romano met with Emily Gross and Suellen Myers. Although it was hard to step away from SPC, all is now well. She knows that she is exactly where she is meant to be. She will graduate in May of 2026 and will do her 400 hours of chaplaincy work over the summer in Harrisonburg, VA. She will also have five exams to take before she can look for a Call.

Moderator's report - Rev. Mary Jane Hitt has begun her Parish Associate contract. She and Pastor Gusti meet weekly to discuss questions and lay the groundwork for her guest ministry. Bible at the Bar continues with record turnout for discussions. The Ministerial Association is hosting a Thanksgiving Service at New Street United Methodist on November 23. An offering of food and funds will be taken to Shepherdstown Shares. With a motion by Anne Teresa, seconded by Dave Smith, Rev. Harry Daniel, was **approved** as Guest Preacher for November 23. The request of Robin Landes to be received into membership by letter of transfer was **approved** on a motion by Anne Teresa seconded by Dave Smith.

Deacons -Susan Lovell and Sherry Sykes boxed up 25 care packages and sent them out to our young adults the week before Halloween. Susan has already received positive responses from a number of the recipients. The deacons are planning an Autism Acceptance Month event for Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Adult Education reports a wonderful response to the topics discussed in the recent Sunday Seminars and are looking forward to next semester.

Clerk -Minutes for the October 9 meeting were **approved** with a motion from Mary Anne Hitt seconded by Dave Smith. The next stated meeting will be December 11, 2025.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:50pm.

The SPC Session meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Meetings are open to any member of the congregation who wishes to attend. Contact Suellen Myers, Clerk of Session, to learn more.

REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Newquist at 9:45am in SPC's sanctuary. There was a quorum present.

All reports were provided in written form with those of the Pastor, Budget & Finance, Personnel, and the Clerk also presented in person.

There was a celebration of the ministries of Paul Denchy, Christa Mastrangelo Joyce, Donna Dettling, Daryl Kuster, Adam Ware, Lois Spreen, Pete Spreen, Keri Mahoney, and Patti McCarthy. We thank them for their dedicated service and helping to guide the church through challenging times.

The following slate from the Nominating Committee was **approved**:

- **Ruling Elder** – Lynn Coddington, Keri Mahoney, and Julie Slonaker
- **Deacons** – Tim Artlip, Mica Martin, Carol Arnold, Donna Dettling, Diana Eldridge, Keith Loudermill, Connie Ross, and Lynne Wiseman
- **Nominating Committee** – Rie Wilson
- **Trustee** – Jim Crawford

Keri Mahoney, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the 2026 Pastoral Terms of Call recommendation. She explained each item and what came from SPC and what is required by Presbytery each year. After a few questions and clarifications, the Call was **unanimously approved**.

After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

SPC'S FINANCIAL HEALTH REPORT

Dave Smith, Budget and Finance

Stewardship Season is Here, Budgeting is Around the Corner

Let's Build the Future Together

As we enter this season of reflection and gratitude, we invite you to join us in shaping SPC's mission for 2026. Your pledges are the foundation upon which we build our annual budget. They allow us to plan with confidence, sustain our ministries, support our dedicated staff, care for our sacred space, and extend SPC's impact far beyond our walls.

SPC's budget process is around the corner. Here are the steps of the process:

- The pastor's terms of call for 2026 was presented and approved at the Congregational Meeting on November 16.
- The personnel committee will recommend to the session a staff funding package for 2026. The session will discuss and act on the recommendation to approve staff funding for 2026 prior to the end of this year.
- By mid-December, committees will submit their 2026 budget requests.
- The session will review a draft budget at their regular meeting on the second Thursday in January.
- The session will finalize the 2026 budget at a special meeting on January 24.

Your pledge makes all this possible. Every pledge is a promise—a promise that SPC will continue to be a place of worship, service, and community. Whether it's your first time pledging or you've been a faithful supporter for years, your gift matters deeply.

Please pledge what you can. Together, we can ensure SPC remains a vibrant and welcoming spiritual home for all.

Please pledge what you can to support SPC's financial health.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

Income and Expenses	2025 Budget (12 Months)	Actuals* through October 31	Actuals as % of the 12-Month Budget
Operating Income	\$395,104	\$375,449	95%
Operating Expenses	\$392,873	\$329,856	84%

** Actuals include major gifts*

With expenses on track and income slightly ahead of projections, we anticipate finishing the year strong. This financial health allows us to continue our mission and ministries with confidence.

SABBATICAL TEAM UPDATE

“Building Memories Together: Upcoming Sabbatical Events”

The Sabbatical Planning Team is excited to share some upcoming opportunities for fellowship and reflection as we prepare for this special season in the life of SPC.



December Game Night

We’re hosting a fun game night in December (to include our students who are returning from school) for the entire church family. This will be a wonderful time to reconnect, celebrate, and enjoy each other’s company. More details to come soon!



Help Build Our Historical Timeline

As part of our sabbatical preparations, we are creating a historical timeline to be displayed in the sanctuary. This timeline will visually reflect SPC’s milestones and meaningful moments throughout our history. We invite you to prayerfully consider the important events, memories, and stories that should be included. Your input will help make this timeline a true reflection of our shared journey.



Want to Participate or Support?

If you would like to help with the game night or contribute to the timeline project, please contact:

- Donna Dettling
- Jen Jones
- Keri Mahoney

Thank you for being part of this exciting chapter in SPC’s story!



JOY DINNER

DECEMBER 21, 2025

The Annual SPC Joy Gift dinner will be Sunday, December 21, at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship, food, carol singing, and..... joy in abundance!

We will be collecting an offering for the PCUSA Joy Gift.

Your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering represent our efforts to repair our world in the way of Jesus. Half of the Christmas Joy Offering will support the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to help past and current church leaders and their families during times of critical need. The other half will support future church leaders of color as they pursue their educational and professional goals at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

SPC will provide the main dish, dinner rolls, and drinks. Please bring the following to complete our meal:

A-J side dish

K-P vegetable or fruit dish

Q-Z dessert

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



DEACON TEAM UPDATE

Donna Dettling, Deacon Moderator

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 16, a group of new and renewing deacons was voted into the deacon team. I am thrilled to report that we will have a full complement in 2026 -- **18 Deacons plus our commissioned Deacon for the Animals!!** The team of

deacons will be:

Donna Dettling (Deacon Moderator), Jen Jones, Mica Martin, Yvonne Fisher, Susan Lovell, Patti McCarthy, Sherry Sykes, Lynne Wiseman, Eva Moore, Elaine Hurd, Diane Kradel, Jeananne Stine, Diana Eldridge, Siri McDonald, **Connie Ross, Carol Arnold, Keith Loudermill, Tim Artlip**, and Carol Wood (Deacon for the Animals).

Please join me in welcoming our four new deacons, three of whom are new members of SPC in 2025. They will be ordained and installed in late January. At that time, we will also be celebrating the deacon service of Chris Morehouse as his term is completed this year. He has been a blessing to the group and to his flock, and we are so grateful for his years of dedication.

We celebrated the work of Paul Denchy and the Parish Care Committee, as we transition their work to the **Share the Care Ministries**, which will roll up under the deacons and the deacon moderator. Please watch for updates in the coming months on what is happening with these ministries and how you can participate.

PrayerNet

Please send your prayer requests to prayernet@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. You may also call the church office at 304-876-6466 during office hours (Monday - Friday, 8am - 2pm). A couple of practical reminders as you make your requests:

1. Please make sure the person for whom you are requesting prayer has given their permission. Due to privacy considerations, we are unable to share requests without that permission.
2. Please indicate whether or not you would like this request to be shared in worship.
3. You may also indicate that you prefer to keep this request confidential among the PrayerNet Team (currently Pastor Gusti, Lynn Dampman, Jen Jones, and Mica Martin.)

If you are having a pastoral emergency (death of a spouse or child, life-threatening medical emergency, etc.), please contact Pastor Gusti directly at 681-283-5314. If you would like to participate in our larger PrayerNet community (as one of the 90+ who have agreed to pray), or volunteer as one of the PrayerNet administrators, contact Lynn at the church office:

lynn@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

Deacon Shepherd for Animals

Carol Wood was commissioned to remind us of the holiness pets add to our lives. This includes care to those who have lost a dear companion, assistance during final days with a pet, and support when bringing a new pet into the home. Contact Carol at cwood453@aol.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Donna Dettling, Co-Moderator

At the November 6 Presbyterian Women's meeting, thirteen ladies joined us in person and on Zoom. Mica Martin led the discussion on Chapter 3 – Fight - in our powerful book ***See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love***, by Valarie Kaur. The author tells us that, "Any act to change the world around us begins *within* us. It starts with a sense of agency, a sense that we have the power to effect change. We don't know what to do next, but we don't have to know. We just have to hold on consciously to our conviction, and be ready to act when the world says "Now." We also discussed the three evils named by Rev. Martin Luther King: racism, poverty, and militarism, and a fourth, sexism, suggested by Kaur. We are enjoying the book so far, and the personal stories she writes about make it all very poignant and real.

We began a **collection of the National Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering** at our meeting and concluded it on November 20. Our donations are sent to the National group to be distributed to ten organizations doing work related to health ministries and other vital services.

Our bi-monthly SPC-sponsored Midweek Manna Free Community Meal at The Community Cup in Martinsburg was held on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. The comfort foods we provided were very much appreciated by over 40 people with food insecurity in the Martinsburg area. Our PW group partnered with the Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance again, and as always, many hands made light work. We are grateful for Susan Lovell's leadership of this program, and to all who contributed food or served the meal. Our next dinner will be in January.



Our November 2, Communion Sunday collection of non-perishable food for the Jefferson County Community Ministries and Shepherdstown Shares food pantries was our largest to date. Ninety-eight pounds of food was taken to JCCM, and an equal amount (or more) was given to Shepherdstown Shares. Thank you to everyone who contributed at a time when so many were in need.

We hope you will join our welcoming group at the next meeting on December 4, at 10:00 a.m. for a nice mix of fellowship, book study, snacks, business, and prayer! All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Please read Part 2 - Chapter 4 – "Rage" in the book ***See No Stranger***.



(WE NEED AN) SPC HOLIDAY HAND FOR OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

By SPC's Immigrant and Refugee Support (IRSC)

Nearly all of us have experienced the “first day” of school. Now imagine you’re eleven, in a new school, with so many new people and, most of all, in a new country. Something about those wide-eyed first moments deserves some wide-eyed, exciting holiday moments. Maybe what our new neighbors need are a few SPC Christmas Angels.

The IRSC team has identified two Jefferson County Schools families who could use a big boost this Christmas: four children and their families who need some basics this winter in order to get by. The good news is there are several ways to help make our 4th annual holiday sponsorship/adoption project another big success.

PURCHASE GIFTS ONLINE—A link to Amazon helps us keep track of the gifts our team has selected for the families. We understand the sensitivity about shopping there, so try to shop before and after the “Blackout” (November 28 – December 2).

<https://tinyurl.com/SPC2025GIFTS>. Gifts will be delivered to Rie Wilson—her address is prefilled on the Amazon site.

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO SHOP LOCALLY—Please use the Amazon list as a guide to purchase what the families need. Just let Siri sirimcdonaldwv@outlook.com know what you’ve selected so she can remove them from the list.

SPECIAL ITEMS—One family, in particular, needs a lightly used twin bed set. If you have these items to share, please contact Siri directly sirimcdonaldwv@outlook.com or text 703 554 3914.

Along with the gifts, we’ll include food for the families. Like last year Shepherdstown Shares Food Pantry will assemble boxes of food and supplies based on the specific needs of each family.

Last year, SPC and friends assured all of the items on the gift list were purchased and more—we’d love to make this year another resounding success!

Keep an eye on Facebook and E-News for more updates!

THE DEADLINE FOR GIFTS TO ARRIVE AT RIE’S IS DECEMBER 8!



SPOTLIGHT ON CAROL WOOD

Deacon for Animals

By Rie Wilson



Carol grew up on a farm in Illinois which made it easy to connect with animals. They had chickens, sheep, and lots of barn cats which she loved playing with. Her best friend was her dog Stormie, who was only a pup, but at seven years old, Carol was only a pup herself. Stormie walked her to the school bus every day and waited in the driveway for her to get off the bus when she returned home. When Stormie passed away, she was devastated, and it took her a very long time to heal.

So, Carol knows how painful it is to lose precious animal companions. She realized her mission at SPC was to show recognition and support for them. She asked Pastor Gusti and Debbie Romano (then deacon chair) about becoming the Deacon for Animals and her calling was accepted.

Carol has let her mission be known to the congregation. For the most part she receives calls, emails or texts after the animal has crossed over. In understanding how personal the loss of a companion is, she always respects people's space and privacy. She will call, send a card, and in time address people when she sees them. She also has a list of veterinarians who will go to a person's home to administer the steps necessary for euthanasia.

Carol has worked primarily with domestic animals, like cats and dogs, and the Animal Welfare Society in Jefferson County is her number one organization. However, as a true animal lover, she is thrilled to have done hands-on work with The Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, TN and with gibbons rescued from illegal trading at the International Primate Protection League in Summerville, SC.

When asked about the effect of climate change on animals, her immediate response is that the loss of sea ice is a huge threat to polar bears. They depend on it to hunt, mate and travel. Carol shares other information about climate change through conversations, and emails from conservation organizations like Earthjustice and World Wildlife Fund.

She has received many positive comments about her ministry at SPC from people who understand and support the fact that our animals are part of our families. She wears her Deacon for Animals nametag when she is out and about and shares her purpose with SPC and others she knows. She welcomes SPC folks telling others about her service.

In Carol's words, "I have realized my calling and am excited as I move forward with my ministry as Deacon for Animals."

Carol is pictured above with her cat, Shadow, who is 18 years old!

Contact Carol: cwood453@aol.com or (301) 639-5592



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED SPC IN NOVEMBER 2025



ROBIN LANDES

Robin grew up in Belleville, Illinois. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and was a member of Vienna Presbyterian Church in Virginia prior to moving to West Virginia. Her upcoming April 2026 marriage to her fiancé Mike brought her to Shepherdstown and SPC. She was drawn to the welcoming congregation and the fact that she lives only a few blocks away in Shepherd Village. After a long career as a school health administrator, she retired in June 2025. She is a registered nurse and a pediatric nurse practitioner. She has one daughter who lives in Northern Virginia. Her son passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Robin enjoys quilting, crafting, reading, and listening to audiobooks. She is also an enthusiastic pickleball player!



DENNIS PARSONS

Dennis grew up as an “oil brat” living in Peru; Calgary and Alberta, Canada; Ankara, Turkey; and England. In the States he has lived in Oklahoma, New Mexico, West Virginia, Florida, Northern Virginia and now back to West Virginia. He currently lives in Martinsburg and came to SPC as he had friends attending here. He is a retired CPA, working for firms and then self-employed from 1992-2023. He is married and his wife’s name is Santa. He enjoys hunting, hiking and travel and YouTube! He still enjoys the old-time hymns from Hampshire County where he first started going to church.



FALL SUNDAY SEMINAR SERIES

Instead of reading a book and discussing a chapter each week, Sunday Seminars took a different approach during the fall semester. To cope with our current national events, our theme was “Topics and Conversations for Our Time: Gaining Perspective and Hope.” Various presenters spoke on issues impacting our community and nation. Some of the topics presented included: “The Power of Protests,” “The Challenges of Education,” “Reflections on the LGBTQIA+ Community,” “Developing a Land Ethic,” “Escorts on the Front Line: Protecting Women’s Health,” and “Challenges in Migration and Immigration.” The series has received many positive comments. Please join us for our final two sessions: December 7, “Depolarizing America, One Conversation at a Time: A Taste of the Braver Angels,” and December 14, “The Healing of Art.” The seminars are held in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3048766466?pwd=cnhPY3kyeG9pbUdGSmZQVVIEM2Jodz09>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SPC'S ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE

NEW LINK TO SERVICE

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5615513631?pwd=tijPWL3g7qLh36WOVjdPxr6Fj6am8N.1>

GOOD NEWS!

SPC is transitioning to a new streaming method to improve everyone's access to the 11a.m. service and other events. There are simple instructions below about how to find the new link and then enjoy the service. If you have comments or some helpful feedback, please email CommSPC24@gmail.com

OTHER PLACES TO FIND THE LINK TO JOIN THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON ZOOM

- ❑ **SPC Website** <https://shepherdstownpresbyterian.org/>
- ❑ **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spcworks>

HOW TO JOIN THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON ZOOM

Please follow these simple steps when joining our new Ecomm livestream on Zoom!

- ❑ **Join the Zoom meeting**
 - o Click the new worship service Zoom link
- ❑ **Mute your microphone**
 - o Please click **Mute** (microphone icon)
 - o This helps keep audio clear for everyone
- ❑ **Click on the link below and watch!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5615513631?pwd=tijPWL3g7qLh36WOVjdPxr6Fj6am8N.1>

TO ENHANCE YOUR VIEWING EXPERIENCE YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE THESE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SIMPLE VIEWING

- **Choose “Speaker View”**
 - In the top-right corner of Zoom, select **Speaker View**.
 - This ensures the sanctuary video is the main thing you see.
- **Hide other participants**
 - Hover over any participant video tile.
 - Click the **three dots (...)** in the corner of the tile.
 - Select **“Hide Non-Video Participants”**.
 - This removes screens that do not have cameras on.
- **Pin the Sanctuary View (if needed)**
 - Hover over the video showing the sanctuary.
 - Click the **three dots (...)**.
 - Choose **“Pin”**.
 - The sanctuary will remain full-screen for you.
- **Optional: Hide Self View**
 - If you'd rather not see your own tile:
 - Click ... on your own tile and choose **“Hide Self View”**

Don't forget if you miss the live stream, you can always go to the SPC website under **Sermons and Bulletins** to watch it later!

<https://shepherdstownpresbyterian.org/sundays/sermons-and-bulletins/>