


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.



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

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Deacon’s Christmas Brunch – The Home of Donna & Brian Dettling

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14

Isaiah 35:1–10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2–11
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

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 Hymn was originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean Peninsula. The Sermon Hymn was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The Sending Hymn is a Guatemalan chant.

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Season of Advent
Second Sunday

December 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Woman Against War

“Almost like Christmas lights”
the bomber pilot said
of last night’s strike against I guess
Baghdad
I turned the television off, the sound
and did last night’s dishes dumbly
reflecting on my Christmas lights
downstairs in semi-sacred storage
reflecting on how real had been the urge
last night to go and get the globe
to hold it in my arms against my heart
and rock and pat and comfort it.

Lynne Atherton

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Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome