


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

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Established 1743
Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. **Isaiah 11:9**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound. **Psalm 72:7**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. **Romans 15:13**

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
 Matthew 3:11

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants
The Tuzzio Family
Sarah Wagner

Special Music
Terry Tucker
Ardyth Gilbertson
Handbell Choir

Choir Director
Sheila Melendez

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Tech Support
Mark Nutwell

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 103**
“Come, Now, O Prince of Peace”

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+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 peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore!

Blessing the World
Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates,
Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

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
“Hodie”

Lesson
Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon
“Sabbath With Us: The Path of Peace”

***Hymn 373**
“O Day of Peace”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Jubilate Deo”

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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 (2x)**
The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.
The peace of the oceans be with you, the peace of the rivers, too.
Deep peace, falling over you. God’s peace growing in you.

***Postlude**

Since the advent of nuclear weapons, it seems clear that there is no longer any alternative to peace, if there is to be a happy and well world.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

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O Day of Peace

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies

fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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JERUSALEM
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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.

November 30 Sabbath With Us: Hope for the Weary

December 7 Sabbath With Us: The Path of Peace

December 14 Sabbath With Us: Joy that Restores

December 21 Sabbath With Us: Love Made Flesh

December 24 Birthing Sabbath With Us

8pm Lessons and Carols

11pm Candlelight Communion

December 28 Protecting Sabbath With Us

January 4 Sabbath Shines Forth

Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you plant a tender shoot from Jesse's root
and whisper peace into the heart of creation.

Sabbath is With Us: the path of peace.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together;
and a little child shall lead them.

Sabbath is With Us: the path of peace.

You smooth what is rough, you lift what is low,
you make room for justice to breathe again.

Sabbath is With Us: the path of peace.

Sung Response 92 (2x)

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

Eucharistic Prayer

The Great Sabbath is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Giver of Sabbath.

Let us give thanks for Sabbath Rest:

Sabbath is With Us: The Path of Peace.

At this table, we taste Advent Peace:

Sabbath has come.

Sabbath is with us.

Sabbath will be all in all.

Holy One, Giver of Life, Source of Rest,
we praise you.

Your realm of justice and delight come near;

Your Sabbath will be done in all lands.

Give us today our Bread for the Journey,
enough for all to feast and then rest.

Free us from our striving and our hoarding,
as we seek to free those wounded and wearied
by an unforgiving system.

Save us from the tyranny of endless toil,
and deliver us from tyrannical power.

For yours is the rhythm,
and the mercy, and the joy,
now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response

All shall be well.

All things shall be well.

dignity of all God's children. For us, the stakes couldn't be higher. As Matt 25:46 clarifies, those who refuse hospitality to the stranger, refuse to see Jesus in the faces of the persecuted, stand condemned.

The good news, of course, is that anyone at any time can change their heart. It applies to all of us. Those who have been sitting on the sidelines can get involved. They can join us at Broadview but there are many other ways to help. They can write to their officials, go to protests in their communities, support families with food and necessities and reach out to those who are fearful.

The Trump administration and the ICE agents, too, can have a change of heart. They can set aside their indifference and cruelty. They can put away their assault rifles and bully sticks. They can give up their pepper spray and rubber bullets. They can choose not to do this, cross to the other side of the fence and join us for communion.

It's not too late to repent.

In faith,

Signed by 210 members of the Clergy

“Jesus is Being Tear Gassed at Broadview”: An Open Letter

CHICAGO CHRISTIAN CLERGY

“Can I use my pastoral expense account to buy a gas mask?”

It's a question dozens of Chicago pastors asked our church boards this month. Few of us expected to be met with this degree of hostility and cruelty at the Broadview detention center, as we remain committed to nonviolent action and the peaceful exercise of our First Amendment rights. Our group comprises dozens of pastors and is still only a fraction of the clergy who are showing up and standing in support.

Unfortunately, peaceful actions—such as prayer and communion—have meant little to ICE agents. They lob tear gas, use pepper spray and bully sticks, body slam and drag protestors. One of our colleagues was hit in the face multiple times with pepper balls and rubber bullets. This is the brutality we are now accustomed to. We come offering bread and prayer, hope for justice and healing—we leave washing pepper spray out of each other's eyes.

We willingly submit to these risks. What Kristi Noem and her ICE agents are doing is immoral. They aren't arresting criminals; they are arresting our neighbors. They are tearing families apart. They wait at bus stops to detain children and use them as bait to lure parents from their homes. People of all ages are in hiding, businesses shuttered, and our friends and congregants—the people we have been ordained to serve—are being taken to Broadview in unmarked vans.

Despite these facts, pastors are asked by well-meaning people—those both inside and outside the church—why we put our bodies on the line. Aren't the ICE agents simply doing their job and following the law? Why do we oppose their actions? And what does any of this have to do with the teachings of Jesus?

It isn't lost on us that the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. encountered the same questions. After Bull Connor aimed his hoses at protestors and King was arrested, he penned his famous "Letter from the Birmingham Jail." In it, he says that there are just and unjust laws, and one has not only the option but the moral obligation to refuse unjust laws. We oppose the laws and orders that allow for the hunting and terrorizing of immigrant communities.

But it's not only the words of the King that inspire our actions. It's the teachings of Jesus. Specifically, The Sermon on the Mount is an instruction manual for nonviolent action on behalf of the persecuted. Here Jesus blesses the poor, the meek, the hungry, the peacemakers and the persecuted, and promises them the kingdom of heaven.

We accept that following Christ's example may mean we are mocked and assaulted, opposed and even arrested. Jesus has guidance for this as well, saying, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you." If he were living today, we believe he might add "pepper spray, body slam and arrest you" to his beatitude. Jesus further stipulates how we must treat strangers. He famously told his disciples, "I was a stranger and you invited me in." When asked what he meant by this, he said, "Whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did unto me."

In other words, when our friends and congregants are kidnapped, forced into hiding, torn away from their families—those things are happening to Jesus in real time. As Christians, we cannot look away. We must act to stop this evil and witness to the goodness and

POINSETTIAS

I would like to provide a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during the Advent. (\$12 Each)

___ How Many?

___ I will pick up my poinsettia after December 24.

___ Please give my poinsettia to someone.

Given by:

In Memory of (optional):

In Honor of (optional):

Include cash/ check (\$12 each) to SPC with this form and place in offering plate or mail by **December 14** to: SPC, P. O. Box 268, Shepherdstown WV 25443



What else did John say?

Find the missing numbers to complete the sudoku puzzle. Each row, column and box should include numbers 1-9 with no duplicates. Use the numbers and code to fill in the blanks.

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"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come

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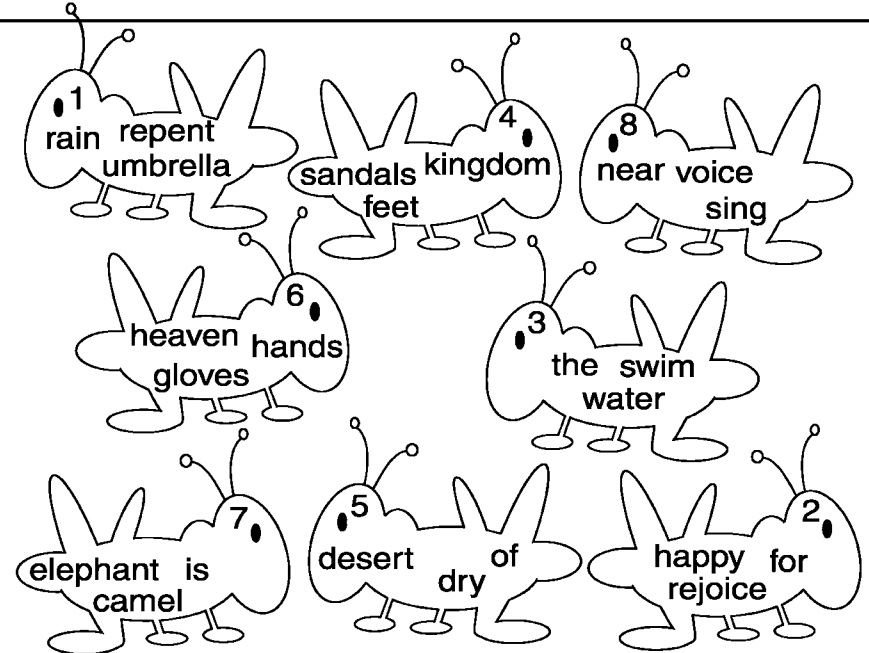
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Preparing the Way for Jesus

Here are some words that John the Baptist preached.

Choose the word that doesn't fit in each set. Write it on the line.







"_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____."


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

To repent means to change your heart and mind to a better way.


What did John say next?

Find John the Baptist's message in the maze.
You may only move in straight lines:    
No diagonal moves.

"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him."

Begin 

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 End



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John the Baptist

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