

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, January 18

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthian 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. A Theological Frame for Our Time with Pastor Gusti – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom

12:30 p.m. SPC Timeline Project follow-up Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 20

5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthian 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom

12:30 p.m. Reception for Newly Ordained Leaders – Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Ordinary Time

Second Sunday

January 18, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Renee Nicole Good's killing is part of a system

Black Americans have long warned the country about, excerpt

As Black Americans, who have borne witness to far too many killings like Good's ... we aren't surprised. We've seen this playbook for centuries, and we know this is exactly how the forces of White supremacy operate. Indeed, some folks are saying to themselves that if this can happen to a White woman, none of us are safe. Which ... exactly. Safety for anyone in a system steeped in anti-Black racism and use of deadly force is, and always has been a mirage.

When civic leaders and elected officials insist the circumstances around Good's killing "isn't the America we know," Black folks hear something else entirely: this is the America we know ... It's the America that privilege keeps White folks from seeing.

And it might be that the folks who are most shocked really want to know not what has America become but when did America start behaving like this to White people?

Liz Courquet-Lesaulnier

Word in Black: Black America's Digital Daily

SERVICE MUSIC TODAY: The Introit uses baptismal imagery to pray for renewal and transformation. The Kyrie, Alleluia, and Sending are traditional liturgical texts. The 21st Century Introduction and Response to First Pew begins each stanza with a facet of our baptismal identity. The Interlude is an African American spiritual. The Offertory is based on the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

TODAY'S HYMNS: The Opening Hymn was commissioned by the Presbyterian Historical Society to go with the theme of Presbyterian Heritage Sunday in 2001. The Sermon Hymn, often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," has been claimed by all who seek liberation from oppression.

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*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome*

"Surely my cause is with the LORD." **Isaiah 49:4**

I have told the glad news of deliverance. **Psalm 40:9**

He will strengthen you to the end. **1 Corinthians 1:8**

"You are to be called Cephas." **John 1:42**

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Sarah Wagner

Choir Director
Leslie Williams

Special Music
Wanda Stewart

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Percussion
Terry Tucker

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 (7x)

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me,
in sculpting me.*

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.

Prayer

***Hymn** (see insert)
"God, May Your Justice Roll Down"

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+Kyrie 575 (2x)

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+*Alleluia 587 (2x)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the Nations

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;
into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"They Crucified My Lord"

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon

"Sabbath as Practice: Justice"

*Hymn 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Prayer of St. Francis," arr. Carol McClure

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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)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Postlude

When we identify where our privilege intersects with somebody else's oppression, we'll find our opportunities to make real change. **Ijeoma Oluo**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
Cole Arthur Riley
Black Liturgies

Sermons & Information
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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

God, May Your Justice Roll Down

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

God, may your justice roll down like the waters you send here, And may your righteousness flow like a stream without end here! Praying this prayer, many have struggled and dared, All for the world you intend here.

Christ, we give thanks for past saints who renewed education, Freed the oppressed, brought your healing and fought segregation. Savior and Lord, great were the risks they endured, Bearing your hope and salvation.

We as your church now remember the stories you teach us. And pray your Spirit will send us, to live out your justice. Show us the way we, too, can serve you each day Till justice rolls down like waters.

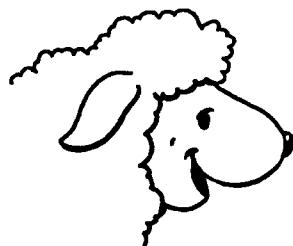
Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you gather us into one Beloved Community—a family born of your liberating love. *Sabbath is Our Practice: Justice for All.*

You drew Gentiles to turn from Rome's power toward the way of Jesus, Teach us to turn again—toward equity, toward repair, toward truth. *Sabbath is Our Practice: Justice for All.*

Shape us for the long work of racial justice—with courage, with tenderness, with joy that does not yield. *Sabbath is Our Practice: Justice for All.*

+**Kyrie 575 (2x)** *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*



Jesus changed Simon's name to one that means "rock."

Write the new letters in the empty boxes using the clues below.

S

The letter "S" will have to go; in the alphabet the new letter follows "O"

I

The next answer you soon will see, is the very next letter after "D"

M

The letter "M" must change now, too, to the one that falls between "S" and "U"

O

Now letter "O" please go away; for the 5th letter of the alphabet, now make way

N

The 5th box, where the "N" was star, now becomes the letter that sounds like "are"



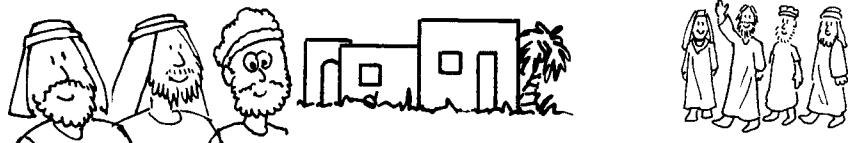
Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

January 18, 2026 • John 1:29-42

Jesus the Lamb of God

John the Baptist was with two of his friends when they saw Jesus pass by. What did John call Him?



Add and subtract words or letters for the answers.

$$\text{A} - \text{DDER} + \text{AP} + \text{ELL} = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad}$$

$$\text{B} - \text{ORK} = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad}$$

$$\text{C} - \text{OG} = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad}$$

In Old Testament times, lambs were offered as a sacrifice when a person sinned. Why did John call Jesus the “Lamb of God”?

Use the alphabet code to find the answer.

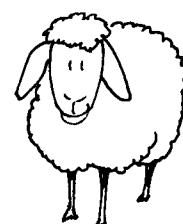
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Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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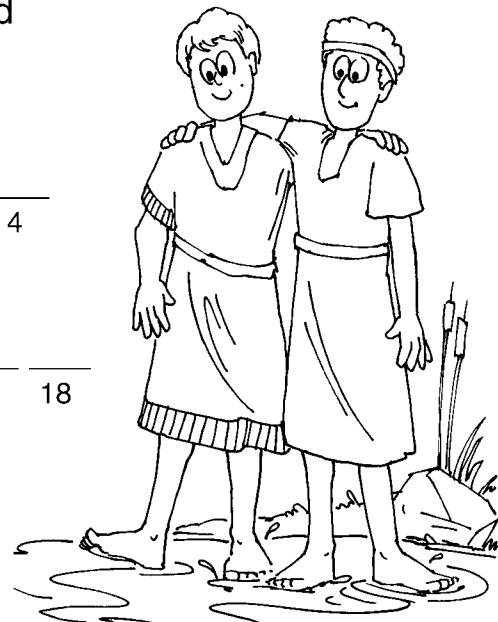


The two friends of John began to follow Jesus. They spent the day with Him. What did Andrew do first?

Use the code to find the answer.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

The first thing Andrew did



23 1 19

20 15 6 9 14 4

— 8 — 9 — 19

— 3 — 18 — 15 — 30 — 8 — 5 — 18 —

— 10 — 9 — 13 — 15 — 14 —

— 3 — 14 — 4

— 20 — 5 — 10 — 10 —

$$\frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{9} \quad \frac{1}{13}, \quad \frac{1}{23} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{8} \quad \frac{1}{1} \quad \frac{1}{22} \quad \frac{1}{5}$$

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 9 & 19 & 20 & 8 & 5 & 3 & 8 & 18 & 9 & 19 & 20 \\
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 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \frac{14}{9} \frac{4}{13} \quad \frac{8}{20} \frac{5}{15} \quad \frac{2}{10} \frac{18}{5} \frac{15}{19} \frac{21}{21} \frac{7}{19} \frac{8}{20}.$$