***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, November 29 • First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Tuesday, December 1
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 2
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, December 3
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Bible at The Bar – The Meck Inn, 128 E German St.

Friday, December 4
6:00 p.m. Meditation Circle – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 6 • Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
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Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24
5 p.m. Family Service is back!
8 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

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First Sunday of Advent **November 29, 2026**
11:00 a.m.

Rest

Rest is resistance. As are singing and reckless laughter.
Three deep breaths: restorative, majestical.

Meditation: zenning out by the brook,
in the backyard, in cloister, in recliner, or even in coffee-shop.

Loving the leaves of November, thrill of forthright cold.
Exhalations puffing forth in white plumes.

Communion with poets, with artists,
with those who seek, with those who stumble.
Kneeling to Grace. Lighting votive candles.

Tending to every soul and every body
injured by current calamity. Washing the feet
of humans both luminous and difficult,
this is resistance. This will smithereen
all oppression, topple toxic structures.

Turning off the phone. Closing the laptop.
Writing longhand in a Moleskine
with a Pilot V5 rolling-ball pen.

Sipping tea: vanilla, cinnamon.

Mercy. Always mercy. Sustaining
the hopes of those who sustain our hopes.

Thomas DeFreitas

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

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Isaiah 64:8

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80:19

God is faithful.
1 Corinthians 1:9

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory." **Mark 13:26**

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants
The Sadat Family
Sarah Wagner

Percussion
Terry Tucker

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 103, (v.1-2)
Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

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.

Advent Blessing

*__Hymn 89,__ v.1-3
"For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Prayer for Hope (see insert)

*__Response 103,__ v. 3-4
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
Come, hope of unity; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*__Response__ (2x)
Now is God's time for justice to flourish.
Now is God's time for peace to prevail.
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*__Passing the Peace__

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

Response 90, refrain (2x)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

First Pew

Response 90, refrain (2x)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Mark 3:19b-27

Sermon
Birthing a Movement

*__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
"Freedom Is Coming"

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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 95__ (2x)
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

*__Postlude__
"Jesus is Just Alright," *Doobie Brothers*

HOPE — A time to imagine what is not yet.
SPC Youth

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
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Eucharistic Prayer

A Spirit of Advent Hope is with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them with Advent Hope
Let us give thanks for our Advent Hope.
Hope is a time to imagine what is not yet.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Hope has died, Hope is risen,
Hope will come again.

Birther above, beyond all names,
re-birth us as your new creation.
Guide us daily along your way,
trusting your provision in this life and the next.
Transform our failures into wisdom and grace.
Teach us compassion for the failures of others.
Strengthen our resistance
to the seduction of self-destruction,
and restore our reverence
for the splendor of your realm.
With gratitude for the gift of your mysteries.
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For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

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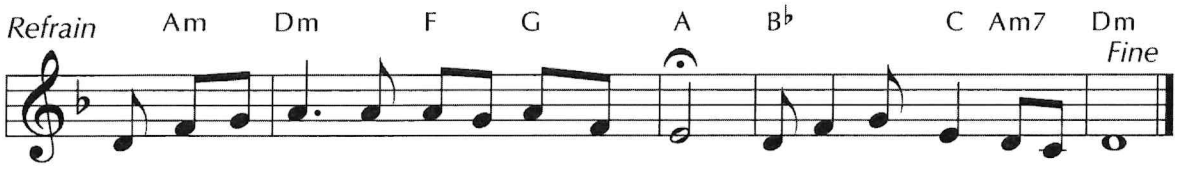
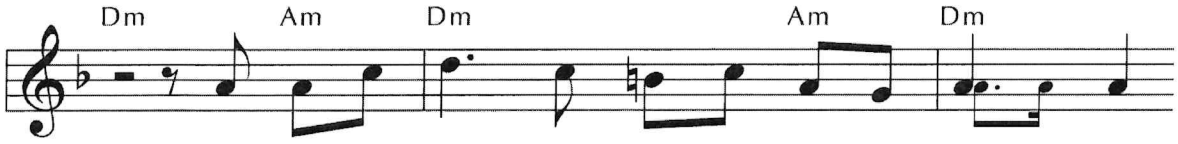
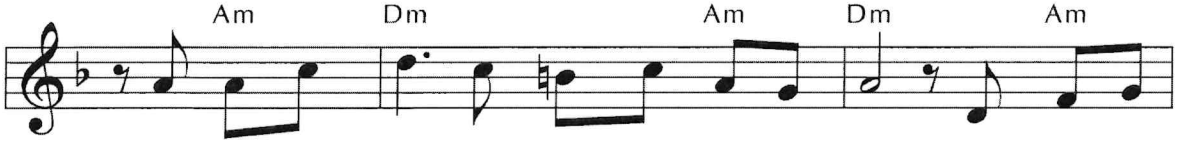
My Soul in Stillness Waits



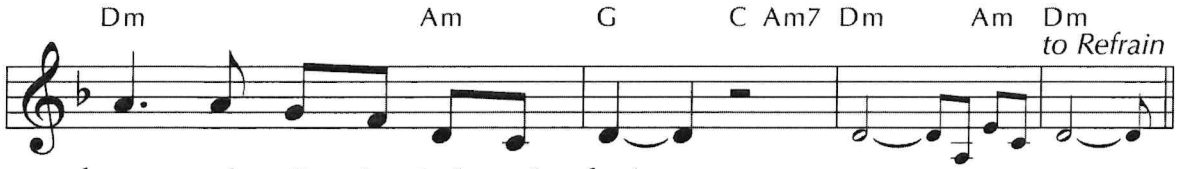
For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,



your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
our thirst-y hearts are yearn-ing for your word; come, make us
and in your ad-vent, draw us all to you, our hope re-
we ev-er seek, yet un-ful-filled re-main; o-pen to
let ev-ery heart be o-pened to the Lord, for we are
Cre-a-tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the



hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
born in dy-ing and in ris-ing.
us the path-way of your peace.
all the peo-ple of God's hand.
stars, and pres-ent to us now.

With a paraphrase of Psalm 62:5 as a refrain, this Advent text adapts four of the "Great O" antiphons (all of which can be seen in no. 88), combining them with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:6–7 and an echo of a medieval hymn. This rich blend yields a wealth of imagery and meaning.

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MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS
Irregular

Color **Color** *the image of the tears of God's people.*

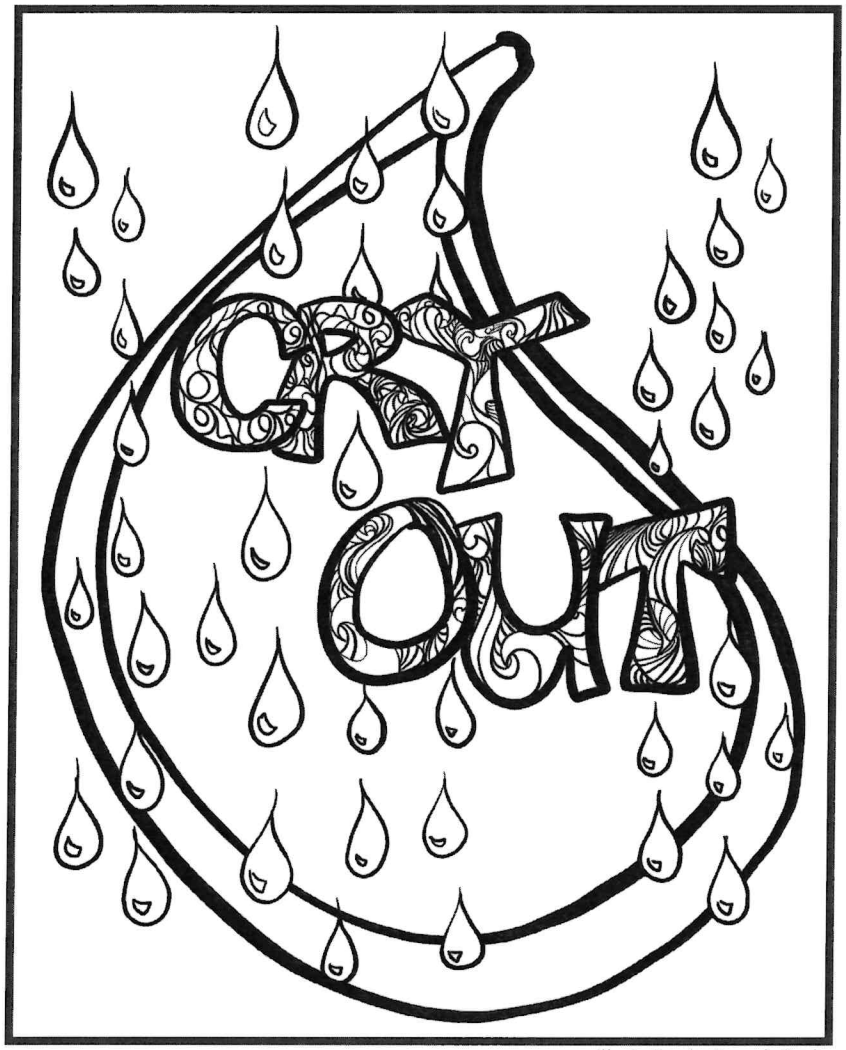


Illustration by Hannah Garrity

Pray

Dear God, thank you for always hearing our prayers. Even when we see bad things happening, give us hope that a better day will come. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Until the Dawn

CRY OUT

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
God's people cry out.

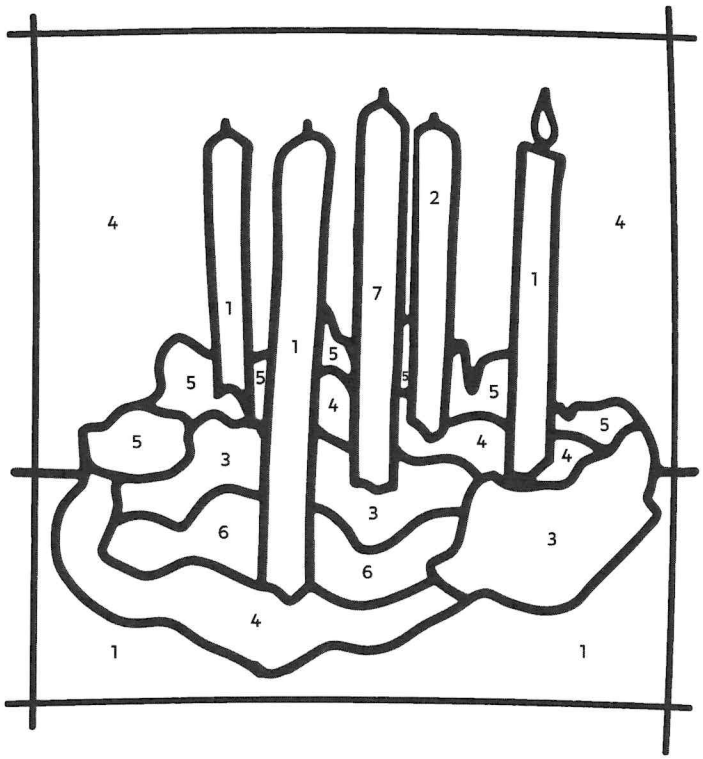
Main Idea: *God listens to us when we cry out*



Color the picture of God's people crying out. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

Advent Wreath

***Color** the Advent wreath with one candle lit using the colors that match the numbers.*



Color by Number

1. purple
2. pink
3. green
4. dark green
5. light green
6. brown
7. white

Advent Candle Lighting

We light this candle for hope.

The light is small but it will grow.

We light this candle for hope.

Color

***Color** ways we cry out to God. What emotions do you see?*



Find

***Trace** or color in the words from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 when you hear them spoken in worship.*

God shine let
RESTORE give
hosts TEARS
may face save
laugh prayers
ENTHRONED
given people's
make bread
flock LONG

Memory Verse

Psalm 80:3 **(NRSVUE)** Fill in the blanks to finish the memory verse. *(Hint: Look up Psalm 80:3 in your bible to find the missing words!)*

"Restore us, O God; let your face _____,
that we may be _____.