

Lift up your eyes and look around. **Isaiah 60:4a**

God delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. **Psalm 72:12**

Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you. **Ephesians 3:2**

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah."
Matthew 2:6a

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit
"We Three Kings"

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 Prayer
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer
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+Hymn 827
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Prayer for Wholeness
Illumine our hearts, O God,
with the radiance of your presence,
that our lives may show forth your love.

Empower us to befriend the lost,
to serve the poor,
to reconcile our enemies,
and to love our neighbors.
Teach us to feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Amen.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace
Blessing the World
Ireland, United Kingdom

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Ephesians 3:1-6

Sermon
"Commissioned for Grace"

Hymn 347 (v. 1-2)
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

The Communion of the People

Response Hymn 347 (v. 3-4)
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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.

Charge and Benediction

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+Sending Hymn 744 (v. 3-4)
"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Grace. It's the name of a girl.
It's also a thought that changed
the world. **U2**

Courage is grace under pres-
sure. **Ernest Hemingway**

The will of God will never
take you where the grace of
God will not protect you.
Unknown

I do not at all understand the
mystery of grace – only that
it meets us where we are but
does not leave us where it
found us. **Anne Lamott**

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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 3 • Epiphany Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town

Tuesday 5

- 10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Thursday 7

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women via Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Staffing Moel Task Force via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Special session meeting via Zoom

Sunday 10 • Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING. Please join in our Christmas offering to support two important project partners: the Coalfield Development Corporation in southern WV, founded by our own Brandon Dennison with its many powerful people and business development initiatives; and the VERBO church and school in Bluefields, Nicaragua helping respond to the many needs among its Community. Indicate Christmas offering in the memo line of your check or in the comments section of your online contribution.

COFFEE TALK with Pastor Gusti continues Sunday, January 3, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. A time to check in on how things are going and dream big for our ministry to come.

COMMUNITY MEAL on January 3 will consist of "to-go" boxes for our friends in need. This month's specialty will be meatball subs with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Thursday, January 7, 2021, 10 a.m. via Zoom. We will discuss Ch. 6, *Is police brutality really about race?* and Ch. 7, *How can I talk about Affirmative Action?* From Ijeoma Oluo book *So You Want to Talk About Race*.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended until further notice. Please contact the church if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and calendar.

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Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Winter Evening

When snow falls against the window,
Long sound the evening bell ...
For so many has the table
Been prepared, the house set in order.

From their wandering, many
Come on dark paths to this gateway.
The tree of grace is flowering in gold
Out of the cool sap of the earth.

In stillness, wanderer, step in:
Grief has worn the threshold into stone.
But see: in pure light, glowing
There on the table: bread and wine.

Georg Trakl

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