

Bring justice to the peoples,  
O Beloved, and your mercy  
to all generations! May the  
people be known for mercy,  
rendering justice to the poor!  
**Psalm 72** (Merrill)

The wolf shall live with the  
lamb, the leopard shall lie  
down with the kid, the calf  
and the lion and the fatling  
together, and a little child  
shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:6**

While Jesus was living in the  
Galilean hills, John, called "the  
Baptizer," was preaching in the  
desert country of Judea. His  
message was simple and austere,  
like his desert surroundings:  
"Change your life. God's  
kingdom is here." John and his  
message were authorized by  
Isaiah's prophecy: Thunder in  
the desert! Prepare for God's  
arrival! Make the road smooth  
and straight! **Matthew 1-3**  
(The Message)

May the God of hope fill  
you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that you may  
abound in hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.  
**Romans 15:13**

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Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist  
**Sermon**  
Ethel Hornbeck  
**First Pew**  
Season Jones  
**Assistants**  
Trixie Gibbs  
Andrew Rolfe  
Terry Lindsay  
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Georgiann Toole

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sign up in office

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

**Introit (2x)**  
Come now, O God of love; make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.  
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior  
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.

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

**Prayer**  
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**\*Hymn 88** (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

**Prayer for Wholeness**  
Spirit of Christ, in your advent you come to form us into a people  
of hope, peace, joy, and love. But so often we fail to make space  
for you. We have been deformed by a world of cynicism, despair  
and alienation. Stories of scarcity and systems of violence shape  
us. Free us from all that separates us from you. Awaken in us a  
sense of wonder and mystery and appreciation for the miracle  
that is your creation and the magic of our deep connection with  
all that is. Lead us again in your way of choosing love every  
minute of every day. Amen

**Kyrie**  
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**  
**\*Response**  
Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

**Welcome**  
**Blessing the World**  
Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

**\*\*Hymn 48 (3x)**  
"Rain Down"

**First Pew**  
**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 292**  
"As the Wind Song"

## HEARING THE WORD

**Reading**  
**Interlude**  
"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"  
Wyeth / arr. T. Keesecker

**Lesson**  
Matthew 3:1-12

**Sermon**  
"Re-enchanting John (the Baptizer)"

**\*Hymn 410**  
"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**  
For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;  
truly my hope is in you.  
*(choir on verses, all on refrain)*

## SERVING THE WORLD

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**  
"Comfort You, My People"  
Genevan Psalter

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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.

**\*Hymn 100** (vs. 1)  
"Canticle of the Turning"

**Charge and Benediction**

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**Postlude**  
"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"  
Joseph Parry / arr. T. Keesecker

It is now, at Advent, that I am  
given the chance to suspend  
all expectation...and instead to  
revel in the mystery.

**Jerusalem Jackson Greer**

If the world is enchanted, by  
definition it must have a voice,  
because a chant is made by a  
voice, and so for enchanted living  
we need to hear voices.

**Thomas Moore**  
*The Re-Enchantment  
of Everyday Life*

Blessed are the weird people:  
poets, misfits, writers,  
mytics, painters, troubadours  
for they teach us to see the  
world through different eyes.  
**Jacob Nordby**

God speaks to us in a thousand  
voices. Each with the same clear  
message: "I love you, please  
trust me on this one"

**Hugh Prather**

The world is pregnant with God.  
**Angela of Foligno**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

**Flowers placed by**  
Debbie Romano  
in memory of  
Bob Proudman

**Lord have Mercy**  
by Bro. Stefan Waligur

**To Our Guests**  
Glad you're 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.

*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.



**Sun 8 • Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas gifts fair. FH  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH  
12:30 p.m. Orientation for Coldweather Shelter

**Tue 10**

3:00 p.m. Social Justice committee. CR #1  
7:00 p.m. Session. FH

**Wed 11**

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Thu 12**

2:30 p.m. Strategic issues committee. FH  
7:00 p.m. Safety committee. FH

**COMMUNION TODAY:** All are welcome to participate. Bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.  
**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the Fellowship Hall. If yours is missing, or you don’t want them, see Kathy in the office.

**2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY** last Sunday for proofing (copies in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.) Make sure your listing is included & correct. If so, check box.  
**DIRECTORY PHOTOS.** Last Sunday to get your photo updated or taken for the first time. Photographer will be at the choir loft after the 8:30 service and in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS.** The following projects will be featured: Jefferson County Homeless Coalition, WV Community Hub, Congo, follow up to the visit of Dr. Makolo, and Sponsor of an Asylum-Seeker.

**FRIDAY PAINTERS** are presenting a small sampling of their work in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 5:00 p.m. Especially for children; 8:00 p.m. Choirs, homily and candlelight;

**Sat 14**

8:00 a.m. CPR training for ushers. FH  
2:00 p.m. Memorial service for John Foxen  
7:00 p.m. SPC’s hosts Coldweather Shelter through Sept 20.

**Sun 15 • Third Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–1*  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

11:00 p.m. Carol sing, communion and candlelight.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** will be split between Bluefields, Nicaragua, partner church, and Coalfield Development Corporation, in southern WV, founded by Brandon Dennison, former SPC Youth Director.  
**CHILDREN’S PAGEANT, Sunday, Jan. 5, 11:00 a.m.** All children are welcome to participate. There are parts for everyone. Rehearsals: Saturday, January 4, 10-12 noon & Sunday, January 5, 9:30 a.m. before the service. Sign up in the classroom or email Chris Morehouse at noahsfamily@frontiernet.net.  
**JOY GIFT DINNER.** *The entire congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, January 5, 5:00–7:00 p.m.** Asbury United Methodist Church. Ham, beverages, tableware provided. Bring a food dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name: A–R: salad/vegetable or side dish; S–Z: dessert. Would you like to help plan, set up or clean up? It’s a lot of fun and works best with many helping hands! Contact Cari Simon, via the office.

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**Advent**  
Second Sunday

**December 8, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

**Prayer for a Change of Heart**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make a straight path for God. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

**Luke 3.4-6**

God of love, take my heart and change it.

Take what is rough in me  
and let it become gentle.

Take my fear  
and let it become wonder.

Take my anger  
and let it become sorrow.

Take my grief  
and let it become compassion.

Take my discouragement  
and let it become acceptance.

Take my doubt  
and let it become courage.

Take my hurt  
and let it become forgiveness.

Take my not knowing  
and let it become faith.

Take my self-centeredness  
and let it become love.

Take my broken heart  
and let it become my strength.

Take my life  
and let it become yours.

**Steve Garnaas-Holmes**

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