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 By appointment

Sun 14 Third Sunday of Advent
 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Confirmation class. Classroom No. 1
 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 5:00 p.m. Joy Gift Dinner. Shepherdstown Fire Dept.
Tue 16
 7:30 p.m. Choir practice
Wed 17
 10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury
 7:00 p.m. Listening Group. Balcony
 7:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir room
Thur 18
 10:00 a.m. Listening Group. Classroom No. 1
 7:30 p.m. Caroling. Meet in Fellowship Hall
Fri 19
 6:30 p.m. TGIF Supper Group hosted by Don & Cathy Cross
Sat 20
 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast. Fellowship Hall
Sun 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2 Sam. 7:1–11, 16; Luke 1:47–55; Rom. 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38
 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 12:15 p.m. Middler's Christmas party. Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. Sr. Youth bonfire party. Will Sutherland's
 5:00 p.m. Practicing Silence. Sanctuary

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the "wine" is alcohol free.
2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES in Fellowship Hall. If you don't intend to use them, please recycle. If yours is missing, or don't want to receive them in the future, see Kathy in the office.
PHOTOS (informal) for 2015 directory taken in choir loft area right after each service today. Only for individuals and/or households not in current directory.
YOUNG MUSICIANS: Are you available to play a tune or two on piano or other instrument before the 8:00 Christmas Eve service? Contact Dianne Holliman at church or diannaholliman01@gmail.com.
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: (Jan. 4). All children are welcome, there is a part for everyone! Volunteers needed too. Contact Shanna, TheNicFamily@gmail.com, call or text 304-839-5006. Only two rehearsals: Saturday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. & Sunday, Jan. 4,
HYMN SING. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:30

p.m. in choir room. We will choose our favorites for caroling around the block.
CAROLING Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30-8:30, meet in Fellowship Hall, come back around for hot chocolate.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 5:00 p.m. especially for children; 8:00 p.m. choir & homily; 11:00 p.m. carol sing & communion.
ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.
OUR OVERNIGHT GUESTS will arrive around 7 p.m., leave by 7 a.m. Jan. 3–9. Volunteers needed in three separate efforts.
Morning meals: Contact Helen & John Burns, 304.876.9146, helenburns@frontier.com. **Bag lunches:** Contact Nan Broadhurst, 304.876.1083, nanbroadhurst@me.com. **Overnight stays:** At least one man and one woman each night, Paul Hodder, 240.472.5721, phodder@frontiernet.net.
PLAN AHEAD. Jan. 17-18. A visit from Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes, including a Saturday retreat, Sunday morning seminar and sermon at both services.

The Season of Advent
 Third Sunday

December 14, 2014
 10:45 A.M.

ADVENT AFFIRMATION

When the cold white ice of winter grips me,
 when the white shimmering heat of summer melts me,
 and I doubt that anything can survive
 the extreme of this world's harshness, I still believe.

Somewhere in the depths of my soul,
 despite the evidence, I believe.
 I believe that the ruins of life can be rebuilt.
 I believe that the tears I shed will water seeds of joy deeply buried.
 I believe that the green shoots of God's justice will bear fruit.

I believe that the light that enlightens the world
 will pierce the winter's longest night
 and eclipse the sun's brightest moments.
 I believe that in all circumstances the Light
 radiates hope and joy, peace and love,
 so that even at my lowest points I can see.

Even in the palest light of faith,
 I can find my way through the shadows.
 And for that I give thanks.

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They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Isaiah 61:4

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalms 126:5-6

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

John 1:6-8

Organ/Piano

Dianne Holliman

Postlude

Paula Tremba

Assistants

Mason Brown

Ava Joyce

Chloe Williams

Frances Marshall

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

Available in the nursery. See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Hymn 85 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Advent Wreath

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 Worship

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 99**

"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

GRACE A BOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

O God, you create and fill each day with promise and possibilities. You invite us to receive and embody your love. But we do not trust you enough. We turn from you and fill our lives with lesser things. Help us let go of all that keeps us from you. Open us to your grace. Let us be part of your hope, peace and joy blossoming in the world.

Silence

Kyrie Eleison (2x)

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

Declaration of grace and gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
And love our neighbors as we love ourselves

***Response** (3x)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessing the World

Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

(1-choir; 2-3 all)

HEARING THE WORD

Psalms 126 (Merrill)

Interlude

Reading

Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 • Luke 1:47-55

Sermon

"Blessed Mary"

Hymn 100

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

(1-choir; 2-4 all)

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.

In God I trust, in God I trust.

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Based on plainsong melody / arr. Georgiann Toole

Affirmation

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Acclamation

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.

Sung Response (3x)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*stand if you are able

This is the irrational season
When love blooms
bright and wild.

Had Mary

been filled with reason

There'd have been no room
for the child.

Madeleine l'Engle

Never believe that a few caring
people can't change the world.
For indeed, that's all who ever
have. **Margaret Mead**

Authentic happiness can only
come from the long-term
cultivation of wisdom, altruism,
and compassion, and from the
complete eradication of mental
toxins, such as hatred, grasping
and ignorance. **Mathieu Ricard**

The gloom of the world is but a
shadow. Behind it, yet within
reach, is joy. Take joy.

Fra Giovanni

Dear God, Thank you for the baby
brother but what I asked for was a
puppy. I never asked for anything
before. You can look it up. **Joyce**

Letters to God from Kids

Flowers placed by

Jan Fischbach

in memory of

Chris Fischbach

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