

Prelude

Welcome

Christmas carols

Silence

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Lighting Advent Candles

Choral Quartet

“Lo How a Rose”

Prayer of Adoration

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.*

Silence

Lighting the Christ Candle

Genesis 1:1-5

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.
In God I trust, in God I trust.*

Silence

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem*

Silence

Luke 2:8-15

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, gloria alleluia, alleluia.*

Silence

Prayer for others

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Silence

John 1:1-5, 14

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Communion in silence

Lord's Prayer

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silence

Blessing

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Interim Pastor Rev. Bill Sitterley
Piano Terry Tucker

Readers

Jane Denchy • Paul Denchy

Christmas wreathing

Sanctuary guild

Arch Angels by Larry Drechsler
Given by Jim and Sallye Price
in memory of James Carter Price, III

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Offering baskets at exits

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will be split between Bluefields, Nicaragua, partner church, and Coalfield Development Corporation.

ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11:00 a.m. Dec. 30 (Children's Pageant); Jan. 6 (Epiphany and Ordination of Officers).

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT, Sunday, Dec. 30, at 11:00 a.m. service. Two rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 29, 10-12 & Sunday, Dec 30, 9:45 a.m.

JOY GIFT DINNER. *The entire congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, Jan. 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,** Asbury United Methodist Church. Ham, beverages and tableware provided. Bring a food dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name: A-H dessert, I-P side dish, Q-Z vegetable or salad.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., We continue our discussion of the book *Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation.* **Jan. 3** is "Widows: Those Left Behind" plus the annual soup and bread luncheon. All women of the church are welcome.

COMMUNITY DINNER. First Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Sharing food and fellowship with our homeless neighbors. Go to PerfectPotluck.com coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked community dinner). Please use disposable containers. **Next: Jan. 6.**

LISTENING GROUPS Prayerful listening and conversation around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. All are welcome. Third Wed. 7:00 p.m., in the balcony. **Next: Jan. 16.** Third Thur. 10:00 a.m., in Classroom No. 1. **Next: Jan. 17**

CONNECTIONS SPC's Shepherd University-based group for college students meets every other Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at the Blue Moon.

Next: Jan 17

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Next: Jan. 19**

SUNDAY SEMINARS will begin 2019 with continued conversation on gender and sexuality, as we seek to deepen our capacity to welcome and celebrate all people. Jan 20 and 27. Starting in February we will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing* devoted to the topic, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Rohr writes, "Anger can actually be an expression of compassion, a willingness to uphold boundaries that are sacred or stand up for someone who is being oppressed." Fellowship Hall @ 9:45. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

CANTERBURY SERVICE Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. **Next: Jan. 23**

SPC KNITTING GROUP Last Saturdays, 1 p.m., Bring your own project or join us making prayer shawls and baby blankets. **Next: Jan. 26**

COMMUNITY HYMN SING Last Sundays, 4:30 p.m., Join us for a solid hour of singing hymns with good tunes and inspiring lyrics. **Next: Jan. 27**

TAIZÉ SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. *A Service of Prayer in song, silence, candlelight.* **Next: Feb. 6**

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Jefferson Security Bank for the use of its parking lots Sunday mornings and special evening programs.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Festival of the Incarnation

Christmas Eve 2018
11:00 P.M.



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