

For the yoke of their burden ...
you have broken. **Isaiah 9:4**

Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice. **Psalm 96:11a**

We wait for the blessed hope
and the manifestation of glory.
Titus 2:13

And suddenly there was with
the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host. **Luke 2:13**

Preacher

Gusti Linnea Newquist

Technology Crew

Bill Howard
Nathan Howard
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Readers

Mason Brown, Frances Marshall
Maggie Rolfe, Brad Toole
Isabella Tuzzio, Sophia Tuzzio,
Chandler Willis

Assistants

William Gonano
Morgan Sell

Accompanist

Bonnie Moore

Song Leaders

Georgiann & Brad Toole

Gathering Music

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Call to Worship

Genesis 1:1-3

+**Hymn 230** (v. 1-2)
“Joyful Is the Dark”

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

+**Hymn 230** (v. 3)
“Joyful Is the Dark”

Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Advent Wreath Lighting

† † †

Welcome

Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn 119 (v. 1, 3)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

+**Hymn 113** (v. 1-3)
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Reading

“A Child is Born”

Bob Sykes, piano

Meditation

Hymn 134 (v. 1, 4)

“Joy to the World”

Eucharistic Prayer

+**Response Hymn 230** (v. 4-5)

“Joyful Is the Dark”

Offertory

“Away in a Manger”

Georgiann Toole, piano/Bonnie Moore, organ

Lesson

John 1:1-5, 14

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+**Hymn 122** (v. 1-3)

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

Than, Mary Anne & Hazel Hitt

Postlude

“O, Tannenbaum”

Bob Sykes, piano
Scott Silbert, saxophone
Anita Thomas, bass

The natural flights of the hu-
man mind are not from plea-
sure to pleasure, but from
hope to hope.

Samuel Johnson

Once you choose hope, any-
thing is possible.

Christopher Reeve

All human wisdom is
summed up in two words:
wait and hope.

Alexander Dumas

Only in the darkness can you
see the stars.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Christmas Wreathing

Sanctuary guild

Arch Angels

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

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.



Thursday 24 • Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family service via Facebook live!

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols with Communion via Facebook Live!

Sunday 27 • First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:22–40

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

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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.

COMMUNITY MEAL on Dec. 6 will consist of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. Go to [PerfectPotluck.com](https://www.perfectpotluck.com), coordinator Wright, password 5777 to sign up. This month’s specialty will be meatball subs with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 that Sunday.

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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The Nativity of Our Lord
Festival of the Incarnation

Christmas Eve 2020
8:00 P.M.

“Hope” is the thing with feathers

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That perches in the soul

And sings the tune without the words

And never stops - at all

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard

And sore must be the storm

That could abash the little Bird

That kept so many warm

I’ve heard it in the chillest land

And on the strangest Sea

Yet - never - in Extremity,

It asked a crumb - of me.

Emily Dickinson

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We Choose Welcome