

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. We cultivate a holistic spirituality that, while rooted in the Christian faith, welcomes the wisdom of all faith traditions. We are a house of prayer and a school of love, seeking to serve the world in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.



Sun 7 • Baptism of the Lord

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
- 9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex
- 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
- 6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

Tue 9

- 10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 3
- 7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 10

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Serving the homeless. Charles Town
- 7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence and candlelight

Thu 11

- 7:30 p.m. Worship committee meeting. Fellowship Hall

Sun 14 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam. 3:1–10 (11–20); Ps. 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Cor. 6:12–20; John 1:43–51

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
- 10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

COMMUNION TODAY. All are welcome to participate. Bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS: Beginning February 4, Sunday services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

POINSETTIAS. Don’t forget to take your poinsettia home today.

PARKING REMINDER: On Sunday mornings and during other church events, the accessible parking spaces behind fellowship hall are for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities. Please be mindful of those who need these spaces.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Jan. 7, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. To sign up, go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:45–5:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

SUNDAY SEMINAR Begins January 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Jesus taught under the shadow of the Roman Empire. Yet even as the Empire exalted the rich and powerful, Jesus preached that the truly blessed are the poor, the hungry, and the weeping. How might we respond if we discover that our churches have more in common with the Empire than with the truly blessed? This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege and faith. Books are in the office, \$10 or pay what you can.

WEEKEND FORUM with Jessica Vasquez Torres and Crossroads Anti Racism Organizing and Training. February 16-18. This weekend will offer multiple opportunities to gather together and explore ways that systemic racism creates barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice, in our lives, and in institutions, especially the church. Clear your calendars, and stay tuned for more information.

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Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

10:45 a.m.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing.
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

From A Brief Statement of Faith

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Choose Welcome

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **Genesis 1:1-3**

The voice of Love uproots the thorns of fear; Love uproots fear in every open heart. The voice of Love is heard in every storm, and strips the ego bare.

Psalms 29 (Merrill)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11

Piano

Kari Edge

First Pew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

William Gibbs

Trixie Gibbs

Ethel Hornbeck

Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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

Introit (2x)

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see.
Make my ears to hear. Make my mouth to speak.
Make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out
and touch the world with your love.

Proclamation

In life and in 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 10**

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer of Confession

God of mystery and majesty, your voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare. Strip us of pretensions, denials and delusions for we have ignored your call and wandered far from you. We have followed voices that lead to death and destruction. Help us be still, and learn to hear your voice. Lead us on the path of peace and teach us the way of love.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessing the World

Ireland, UK, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

****Hymn 753**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

First Pew

Parish Life

Interlude

HEARING THE WORD

Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon

"Hearing Voices"

Hymn 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons

Vows of office

Laying on of hands

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

Affirmation

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***Acclamation**

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

We are the Beloved. We are intimately loved long before our parents, teachers, spouses, children, and friends loved or wounded us. That's the truth of our lives...that's the truth spoken by the voice that says, "You are my Beloved".

Henri Nouwen

Life of the Beloved

In truth, a new call terrifies me. When I get a sense of a new call, I harbor a wish to fit it in with what I am already doing. But I cannot because my life is already overfull, and I do not want the work of shifting my priorities to make space for the unknown. I deny my failure to acknowledge a new call and keep this secret urge to myself, without naming it. I do not know what to say. I "forget" to speak about it with friends. Thoughts tumble and refuse to stay ordered. I behave like a shock victim because I am afraid of change, am addicted to my comforts, and like the patterns I have constructed to keep **anxiety at bay**.

Marjory Bankson

The Call to the Soul

Lord, let me know clearly the work which You are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer Your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to Your will.

"Vocation Prayer"

Saint Meinrad Prayer Book

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur.