

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 28 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Drama workshop. Classroom No. 1
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

Tue 30

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

Wed 31

7:00 p.m. Los Amigos training. Classroom No. 1

Thu 1

10:00 a.m. Women's circle. Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

Sun 4 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39*
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Classroom No. 1
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal

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

SEND NAMES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS. The deacons would like to assign a shepherd for SPC's college students during 2018. If you have a college student in your family, please send the name and name of school to diaconate secretary, Perry Jamieson at perryandsteph9@gmail.com.

COLD WEATHER ITEMS, (socks, gloves and hats) are requested for the DC mission trip to distribute to the homeless. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

SUMMARY OF MINI-CAT available in the office.

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *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 & faith. Books can be ordered from Amazon. Next week:

Institutional Church as an Expression of Solidarity (Chap 9). Note: seminar begins at 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, February 4, 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.

WEEKEND FORUM "Racism, Power, and Dominance in the US and the Church," facilitated by Kara Bender and Jessica Vazquez Torres with Crossroads Anti-racism Organizing & Training. Consider how culture, cultural dominance, and organizations (including the church) are intentionally and unintentionally complicit in systemic racism. Build your capacity to engage in constructive dialog about white supremacy.

- Friday, February 16, 7–9 p.m.
- Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Sunday, February 18, Jessica will preach and be present for open conversation between services.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday

January 28, 2018

10:45 a.m.

Cast Out My Demons

Yes, he has come to destroy them.
Demonic forces that wreck people:
do not doubt that he has come
to cast them out, all of them,
not merely to touch individuals
but to disarm evil itself,
to reclaim the cosmos.
Demonic spirits of injustice
that dehumanize,
that possess people,
that bind us and blind us
with hate and diminishment of others,
with hard heartedness and violence,
demons of fear and self-protection—
he has come to do away with them.
He is not afraid of the loud voices,
the convulsions they will incite.
He has called all his beloved
to share in the baptism of his power.
He comes with authority.
For this love has the power, yes,
to overcome evil.
O Mighty One, Loving One,
O Capable Hand, O Willing Heart,
cast out my demons,
my fear and inadequacy,
and fill me with your Spirit instead,
the power to resist evil,
to set free from the grip of the demonic
what is human, what is fragile and beautiful,
what is yours.

Steve Garnaas Holmes

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We Choose Welcome

Established 1743

I will raise up for them a prophet ... from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

I Corinthians 8:2-3

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Psalm 111:10

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Cora Wilkinson

Rie Wilson

Chris Kaye

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 at the 10:45 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our savior.

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 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you come to us in our darkness and despair and offer life and hope. But we cling to old hurts and old ways that keep us from embracing you. Teach us the way to life, lead us in the path of love, and open us to possibilities of new life, springing from the very darkness we fear.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

****Hymn 623**

"I've Got Peace like a River"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 39** (vs 1, 2)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

"The Boundary-Crossing God"

***Hymn 181**

"Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Lead Gently, Lord"

Text: Paul Laurence Dunbar/Music: Clif Carson

Affirmation

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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.

***Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,

May Her grace and peace abound

May Her Spirit live within you

May Her love wrap you round.

May Her blessing remain with you always

May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

As Christians, we are not opposed to boundaries. The gap between the world and the kingdom of God ought to be made clear. While we are not opposed to boundaries, God's kingdom enables us to be opposed to the way the world sets up boundaries on the basis of gender, class, race, economics, or accent. **William H. Willimon**

and Stanley Hauerwas

Lord, Teach Us

Jesus is still held in the captivity of middle class respectability. Christians are expected to behave according to culturally sanctioned norms of allegiance, fidelity, obedience and respect. We have come a long way from the fiery prophetic figure of Nazareth who shocked and disturbed the conventions of his day in the name of justice and liberation. Our respectability has taken a terrible toll on the authentic calling of Christian life. We have lost sight of the deeper vision and lost heart for the passion and enthusiasm of God's New Reign.

Diarmuid O'Murchu

Catching Up With Jesus

I do not fear Satan half so much
as I fear those who fear him.

Saint Teresa of Avila

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.