

**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 4 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tue 6**

3:00 p.m. More Light Teach-In. Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Wed 7**

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence and candlelight. Sanctuary

**Thu 8**

7:00 p.m. Youth committee meeting.  
Classroom No. 1

**Fri 9**

6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group.  
Hosted by Elaine Hurd

**Sat 10**

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast supper group.  
Hosted by Duane & Marianne  
Alexander & Carolee Youngblood

**Sun 11 • Transfiguration of the Lord**

2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2  
Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9  
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
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  
4:00 p.m. Young adults. Fellowship Hall

**COMMUNION TODAY:** All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

**NEW COLD WEATHER ITEMS** are requested for the DC mission trip to distribute to the homeless. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

**HELP NEEDED!!** Hospitality needs someone to assist with coffee after the 11:00 service, on the first Sunday of the month. Contact the office if you can help.

**SPC'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER** is available on the SPC website. Copies are also available in the narthex and on bulletin board outside the office. If you want a copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR:** *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege & faith. Books can be ordered through Amazon. Next week: Dismantling White Supremacy (Chap. 2).

**COMMUNITY DINNER.** Sunday, February 4, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. 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.

**MORE LIGHT TEACH-IN.** Tuesday, Feb. 6, 3:00 p.m. “Caring for LGBTQ Youth: Part 1” Join in community, here in the Fellowship Hall, or sign up and stream at home [mlp.org/more-light-teach-ins](http://mlp.org/more-light-teach-ins).

**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. Bring a bag lunch. Childcare available upon request, notify the office ASAP.

- 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.

**Ordinary Time**

Fifth Sunday

**February 4, 2018**

11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 147**

Praise the Beloved, Heart of all hearts!  
We are blessed as we sing praises  
to the Beloved;  
For as we give ourselves in love,  
so we receive love.  
The Beloved abides in our heart,  
in every open heart that  
welcomes Love.  
Through Love we are sent to the  
brokenhearted,  
a mutual balm to the soul.  
We seek out the downtrodden,  
those without shelter or food,  
recognizing our own poverty  
with them.  
Those in prison also await willing  
hearts to visit them,  
that forgiveness might free  
all from bondage.  
May everyone awaken to Divine Love,  
That peace and integrity and  
Assurance  
May be born again in every land.  
O my soul, praise the Beloved!

**Nan Merrill**

*Psalms for Praying*

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**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We Choose Welcome*

Established 1743

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. **Mark 1:35**

I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**1 Corinthians 9:22-23**

**Piano**

Kari Edge

**Assistants**

Gino Santacroce

Ava Mastrangelo

Christa Joyce

**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)**

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

**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 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**GRACE ABOUNDS**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Merciful God, we run ourselves ragged trying to keep up, or get ahead, or save the world. We are sick and tired, lost and broken. But we can't stop ourselves. We can't heal ourselves. Touch us with your healing grace that we might be whole again. Help us wait in stillness near to your heart of love.

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**Declaration of grace and gratitude**

**\*Response**

Love, I will love you, Lord...

**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**

Myanmar, Thailand

**\*\*Hymn 175 (vs. 1-2)**

"Seek Ye First"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 796 (vs. 1,4,5)**

"We Come to You for Healing Lord"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Mark 1:29-39

**Sermon**

"Retreat!"

**\*Hymn 470**

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

**SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
Come to me and never be hungry  
Eat this bread; drink this cup  
Trust in me and you will not thirst

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"  
Plainsong; setting by Beverly Ward

**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.

**\*Response**

Serve, I will serve you, Lord...

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**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

Prayer ... really is a silent surrendering of everything to God because it is not quite clear to me how I should pray.

**Søren Kierkegaard**

The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God, knowing that that goodness can reach down to our lowest depths of need.

**Julian of Norwich**

Nobody finds time for prayer. You either take time for it or you don't get it.

**Joan Chittister**

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.

**Karl Barth**

Let me seek, then, the gift of silence, and poverty, and solitude, where everything I touch is turned into prayer: where the sky is my prayer, the birds are my prayer, the wind in the trees is my prayer, for God is all in all.

**Thomas Merton**

Prayer is where we most directly face the truth of ourselves and the world; it is risky business indeed. When I feel the fear associated with this vulnerability, I find it reassuring to remember that the word prayer comes from the Latin root precarius, meaning to depend on grace. From this root also comes our English word precarious.

**Gerald May**

**Flowers placed by**

The Price family fund

\*stand if you are able

\*\*children to First Pew

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