

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 11 • Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Tue 13

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting. Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 14

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. Sanctuary

Thu 15

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1
 7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Fri 16

7:00 p.m. Weekend forum. Fellowship Hall

Sat 17

9:00 a.m. Forum. Fellowship Hall

Sun 18 • First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

9:45 a.m. Conversation on racism.
 Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Drama workshop.
 Classroom No. 1

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE. A brief order of prayer, song and silence. Imposition of ashes (on forehead or hand) optional. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

BLANKET OFFERING, Sunday February 18. Five dollars (\$5) will purchase a woolen blanket for Church World Service to distribute in times of disaster.

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.

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. No seminar next Sunday. February 25: Resisting the Seduction of Silence (Chapter 5)

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS, Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (It helps the kitchen crew if you bring your own bowl, spoon and cup). Sign up sheet to bring soup or bread in Fellowship Hall. Program 6:15 p.m. *Notes from My Spiritual Journey.* **February 25:** John Gonano and Karen Kinnett; **March 4:** Esther Murphy and Lonce Bailey; **March 11:** Anne Teresa and Bill Rule. Childcare available upon request. Contact the office by the Wednesday before.

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes and checks by April 15. Donations will be split between humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects) and Jefferson County Community Ministries. (JCCM) Checks: memo: OGHs.

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Let Something Essential Happen to Me

O God,
 let something essential happen to me,
 something more than interesting
 or entertaining, or thoughtful.

O God,
 let something essential happen to me,
 something awesome, something real.
 Speak to my condition, Lord,
 and change me somewhere inside where it matters,
 a change that will burn and tremble and heal
 and explode me into tears or laughter
 or love that throbs or screams
 or keeps a terrible, cleansing silence
 and dares the dangerous deeds.
 Let something happen in me
 which is my real self, God...

O God,
 let something essential and joyful happen in me now,
 something like the blooming of hope and faith,
 like a grateful heart, like a surge of awareness
 of how precious each moment is,
 that now, not next time,
 now is the occasion to take off my shoes
 to see every bush afire, to leap and whirl with neighbor,
 to gulp the air as sweet wine until I've drunk enough
 to dare to speak the tender word:

“Thank you”
 “I love you”
 “You’re beautiful”
 “Let’s live forever beginning now”
 and “I’m a fool for Christ’s sake.”

Ted Loder
Guerillas of Grace

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Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

2 Kings:2:2

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:6**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them... Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Mark 9:2,7

Piano

Kari Edge

First Pew

Lonce Bailey

Assistants

Fiona Potts

Evelyn Groff

Chris Morehouse

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 11:00 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

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

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 666**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and Merciful One, you fill us with the light of love. But we are afraid to let it shine. You call us your Beloved for we are beautiful in your eyes. But we do not believe. Help us see your beauty and goodness in ourselves and others. Let your light shine through us. Let love transform our hearts and the world.

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

Welcome

Blessing the World

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

****Hymn 48**

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 314 (vs. 1, 2 5)**

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

"Are You Listening?"

***Hymn 193 (vs. 1-3)**

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Alleluia"

Mozart

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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

The first duty of love is to listen.

Paul Tillich

You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time. **M. Scott Peck**

The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention...A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.

Rachel Naomi Remen

The divine presence has always been with us, but we think it is absent. That thought is the monumental illusion of the human condition. The spiritual journey is designed to heal it.

Thomas Keating

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared. **The Buddha**

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*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur.