

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 18 • First Sunday in Lent

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

Tue 20

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

Wed 21

7:00 p.m. Listening Group. Balcony

Fri 23-25

6:00 p.m. DC Mission Trip

Sat 24

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 25 • Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31;
Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
 4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. Lenten soup dinner. Fellowship Hall
 6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

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

HELP NEEDED!! Hospitality is short two Sunday coffee servers. Help needed to prepare coffee the first Sunday of the month for the 11:00 service, and the second Sunday of the month at the 8:30 service. Please let the office know if you can help.

TRANSITION REFLECTION. An opportunity to explore SPC's core commitments: What is bearing fruit? What needs further cultivation? All those who have not participated in a feedback session please come, **Sunday, March 4, at 9:45 a.m.**

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. 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 Lonca 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday March 29, 7:30 p.m. Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table.
Prayer Vigil to follow at 9:00 p.m. until 12 noon Good Friday. Sign up in Narthex & Fellowship Hall.
Easter: Informal sunrise service at Rumsey Monument at 6:45 a.m. Bring a reading, poem or song to share. (Dress warmly and bring something to sit on). A light breakfast will follow at the nearby home of Becky Phipps.
Easter Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Table.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Season of Lent

First Sunday

February 18, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Beloved Is Where We Begin

If you would enter
 into the wilderness,
 do not begin
 without a blessing.
 Do not leave
 without hearing
 who you are:
 Beloved,
 named by the One
 who has traveled this path
 before you.
 Do not go
 without letting it echo
 in your ears,
 and if you find
 it is hard
 to let it into your heart,
 do not despair.
 That is what
 this journey is for.
 I cannot promise
 this blessing will free you
 from danger,
 from fear,
 from hunger
 or thirst,
 from the scorching
 of sun
 or the fall

of the night.
 But I can tell you
 that on this path
 there will be help.
 But I can tell you
 that on this path
 there will be help.
 I can tell you
 that on this way
 there will be rest.
 I can tell you
 that you will know
 the strange graces
 that come to our aid
 only on a road
 such as this,
 that fly to meet us
 bearing comfort
 and strength,
 that come alongside us
 for no other cause
 than to lean themselves
 toward our ear
 and with their
 curious insistence
 whisper our name:
 Beloved.
 Beloved.
 Beloved.

Jan Richardson
Circle of Grace

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:12-13

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Psalms 25:4-5

And just as Jesus 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." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:10-12

Preacher

Jessica Vasquez Torres

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Vivian Alexander

Kaitlin Rolfe

Leslie Williams

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)

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.

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 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer for Wholeness

In a broken world, O God, reconcile us. In our broken hearts heal us. In our broken communities unite us. O Spirit of Life, lead us toward that which creates justice, wholeness and peace. Grant us the courage and imagination we need to follow you towards the beloved community of justice and joy. Teach us to love you and others in the way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Welcome

Blessing the World

China

****Hymn 399**

"God Welcomes All"

First Pew & Commissioning

Parish Life

Hymn 822

"When We Are Living"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"Is This Our Wilderness?"

***Hymn 401**

"Gather Us In"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

in silence

Communion

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

Affirmation

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***Credo**

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; and that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

***Song of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Let us journey together through this season of Lent. Let us listen to stories of exile and hear cries for hope. Let us reach out for the hand of Jesus and walk a path of dangerous love into the possibility of new life.

April Baker and Amy Mears

Wilderness is not an enemy to be conquered, but a gift to be loved.

George Grinnell

When you look at human suffering concretely you destroy all innocence, all neutrality, every attempt to say, "It wasn't I; there was nothing I could do; I didn't know." In the face of suffering you are either with the victim or the executioner—there is no other option.

Dorothee Soelle

Suffering

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel

Each of us is "other" in different parts of our lives. This is how our intersectional identities work as the essential tools needed to empathize and break the well-intentioned...patterns of guilt, complacency, and comfort (which) perpetuate racism far more than a hate group like the KKK. **Annanda Barclay**
Faithful Resistance

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The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur.