

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 25 • Second Sunday in Lent

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

Tue 27

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

Thu 1

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

Sat 3

10:30 a.m. Diaconate meeting. Fellowship Hall

Sun 4 • Second Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:45 a.m. Strategic planning workshop.
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup dinner. Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

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.

TOOL DRIVE for Coalfield Development Corp, March 4-11. See the list of much needed tools on the tools box in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Georgia.leppesen.frontier.com 304-274-2794 for info or home pick up.

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. No seminar March 4. Next (March 11) Learning Nonviolence in a Multifaith World (Chap. 4).

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes 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.

Season of Lent
Second Sunday

February 25, 2018
11:00 a.m.

MAYBE

Hopefully, this #Lent will be different.
Maybe this will be the Lent when systemic sins are met with systemic repentance
This will be the Lent when mass shootings invoke the horror and engagement they should, rather than written off as
“just another day in America.”
Maybe this will be the Lent we're ready to admit our role in the promulgation of racism and xenophobia. Maybe this will be the Lent we admit that #MeToo exists because we failed the people we should have protected.
Maybe this will be the Lent we pray the prayer of confession and actually mean it.

Maybe.

Rev. Denise Anderson
Co-Moderator of PCUSA

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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 637 (vs. 1-4)
“O Sing to the Lord”

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer for Wholeness

God of Love, your spirit draws us toward new ways of being.
You bid us walk with Jesus among the broken people and places
of the world. You call us to transform systems of oppression.
But we are afraid. We cling to our comfort and control. We do
not trust in your abundant grace. Free us from all that keeps us
from you, and give us vision and courage to bear your light into
the world.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

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
Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

**Song (insert)
“If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers”

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Genesis 17:7

To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation; for You promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast. The hungry shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek You shall sing praises! Your Heart our dwelling place forever!

Psalms 22:26 (Merrill)

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:31

That famous promise God gave Abraham—that he and his children would possess the earth—was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God’s decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed.

Romans 4:13 (The Message)

Preacher

Ethel Hornbeck

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Indie Asam
Sophia Tuzzio

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.

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 8:31–38

Sermon

“Becoming the Beloved”

*Hymn 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

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

“Love is Little”

Trad. Shaker / arr. M. Schweitzer

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

Holy Spirit, come...

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Don’t ask the world to change...
you change first.

Anthony de Mello

Wholeness does not mean perfection. It means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life.

Parker J. Palmer

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.

Desmond Tutu

Our failure to address fundamental questions of racism, white privilege and a system of white supremacy that remain deeply entrenched in our church and in our society is, at root, a failure to be faithful to the gospel.

Rick Ufford Chase

Faithful Resistance

I believe that the cross placed alongside the lynching tree can help us to see Jesus in America in a new light, and thereby empower people who claim to follow him to take a stand against white supremacy and every kind of injustice.

Jame Cone

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

I’m for truth, no matter who tells it. I’m for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I’m a human being, first and foremost, and as such I’m for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole.

Malcolm X

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur