

Those who dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light, who abide in the wings of Infinite Love, Will raise their voices in praise: "My refuge and my strength; In You alone will I trust." **Psalms 91** (Merrill)

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Deuteronomy 26:8-9**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

**Luke 4:1**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Romans 10:13**

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#### To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

### Introit (2x)

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

### Proclamation

In life and 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 686

"God of Our Life"

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

### Prayer for Wholeness

Hidden God, we bring before you our burdens, our bruised small selves, and our fears, shame, and anxieties. Reveal to us the ways that we have been indifferent to suffering, of ourselves and others. Nurture in us the stirrings of new life, where your spirit is inviting us to grow. Let your healing light transform us into the image of Your Beloved, for You alone bring new life and make us whole. Amen

### Silence

### Kyrie eleison

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

### Declaration of Grace & 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

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

### \*\*Hymn 713

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

### First Pew

### Parish Life

### Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

### Sermon

"Devilish Questions"

### \*Hymn 292

"As the Wind Song"

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Communion

Dona nobis pacem, pacem  
Dona nobis pacem

## SERVING THE WORLD

### Presenting Offerings

### Offertory

"Bread of the World"  
John Abdenhour

### 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 (2x)

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

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### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

The problem is, many of the people in need of saving are in churches, and at least part of what they need saving from is the idea that God sees the world the same way they do.

**Barbara Brown Taylor**

The power of temptation is not in its appeal to our baser instincts; if that were the case, it would be natural to be repulsed by it. The power of temptation is in its appeal to our idealism.

**Helmut Thielicke**

Dislocation, with all its risks, is surely preferable to stagnation, which is the temptation when we cling too powerfully to what we have. When we do that, growth ceases. This is living death.

**Ralph McAfee Brown**

It is too easy to find an excuse for inaction by pleading the decadence of civilization, or even the imminent end of the world. This defeatism, whether it be innate or acquired or a mere affection, seems to me the besetting temptation of our time.

**Teilhard de Chardin**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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**Lord have Mercy**  
by Bro. Stefan Waligur

*Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community.* We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



**Sun 10 • First Sunday in Lent**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. CR 1  
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper. Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

**Tue 12**

2:30 p.m. Strategic Visioning. CR 1

**Wed 13**

12:30 p.m. Spanish lessons. Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Thu 14**

7:00 p.m. Youth Ed committee. CR 1

**Fri 15**

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon  
6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group.  
Hosted by Rie Wilson

**Sat 16**

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

**Sat 16-22 • Cold Weather Shelter at SPC**

**Sun 17 • Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;*  
*Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35*  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper. Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER March 16-23.** Volunteers still needed for morning meals on Sunday, Thursday and Saturday and one male for overnight supervision on Friday, March 23. If you can help, please let the office know as soon as possible.

**EASTER OFFERING** (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes by April 28. Donations will be split between humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects) 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries. (JCCM) and 25% to Good Shepherd (GSIVC). Checks: memo: OGHS.

**SUNDAY SEMINARS** are exploring anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing*, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. No seminar March 10. March 17: "Moral Outrage" and "In Defense of Anger."

**LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS**, Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. (Our dishwasher is broken, so please bring your own bowl, spoon and cup). Sign up sheet to bring soup or bread in Fellowship Hall & Narthex. Program 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey" Speakers: March 10: George Jordon and Morgan Sell; March 17: Jeff Groff and Betty Snyder; March 24: Season Jones and Bob Tucker. Childcare provided.

**DONATE STOCK** or mutual funds to the church. If you itemize deductions and are selling appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can receive a tax donation for the full market value of the stock without paying tax on the capital gains. You may use such a donation to pay your pledge. If you would like additional information, contact John Burns, Stewardship Committee Chair.

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**Season of Lent**

First Sunday

**March 10, 2019**

11:00 a.m.

**CERTAINTY**

Certainty undermines one's power, and turns happiness into a long shot. Certainty confines.

Dears, there is nothing in your life that will not change—especially all your ideas of God.

Look what the insanity of righteous knowledge can do:  
crusade and maim thousands  
in wanting to convert that which  
is already gold  
into gold.

Certainty can become an illness  
that creates hate and  
greed.

God once said to Tuka,

"Even I am ever changing—  
I am ever beyond  
Myself,

what I may have once put my seal upon  
may no longer be  
the greatest  
Truth."

**Tukaram**

a 17th century Indian poet  
this English version by Daniel Ladinsky

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