

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 • Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table  
9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table  
4:00 p.m. Young adults. Fellowship Hall  
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

**Tue 20**

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting. Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Adult Ed meeting. Classroom No. 3  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Wed 21**

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

**Thu 22**

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Youth Ed. Classroom No. 1

**Sun 25 • Palm/Passion Sunday**

*Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11;  
Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)*

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table  
9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Coalfield Development update.  
Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table

**EASTER FLOWERS** Coupons in Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Last day to order is this Sunday.

**UPDATE ON COALFIELD DEVELOPMENT** work from Brandon Denison, March 25 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Brandon will also be present at both services and offer a brief reflection.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR:** *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege & faith. Next: April 8: Theological Education as an Act of Subversion (Chapter 7)

**YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT**, Sunday March 18 4:00 p.m. Bring games and snacks. Childcare provided.

**NO SUNDAY STUDIO OR NURSERY** Easter Sunday. Children are asked to bring a dyed egg and/or a plastic egg with a treat inside for the community meal that evening.

**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.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Season of Lent**

Fifth Sunday

**March 18, 2018**

11:00 a.m.

**Catch Me in My Scurrying**

Catch me in my aimless scurrying, Lord,  
and hold me in this Lenten season:  
hold my heart to the beat of your grace  
and create in me a resting place,  
a kneeling place, a tip-toe place  
where I can recover from the dis-ease of my grandiosities  
which fill my mind and calendar with busy self-importance,  
that I may become vulnerable enough  
to dare intimacy with the familiar,  
to listen cup-eared for your summons,  
and to watch squint-eyed for your crooked finger  
in the crying child,  
in the hunger of the street people  
in the fear of the contagion of terrorism in all people,  
in the rage of those oppressed because of sex or race,  
in the smoldering resentments of exploited third world nations,  
in the sullen apathy of the poor and ghetto-strangled people,  
in my lonely doubt and limping ambivalence;  
and somehow,  
during this season of sacrifice,  
enable me to sacrifice time  
and possessions and securities,  
to do something...  
something about what I see,  
something to turn the water of my words  
into the wine of will and risk,  
into the bread of blood and blisters,  
into the blessedness of deed,  
of a cross picked up,  
a savior followed.

**Ted Loder**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Celebrating 275 Years*

*Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future*

*We Choose Welcome*

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Jeremiah 31:33**

With all my heart I seek You; let me not wander from your teachings! Your word is imprinted upon my heart that I may walk in your Light.

**Psalms 119:10-11** (Merrill)

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **Hebrews 5:7**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

**John 12:24-26**

#### **Piano**

Kari Edge

#### **First Pew**

Chris Morehouse

#### **Offertory**

John Mason, Mark Pullen

Brad Toole, Tim Artlip

#### **Assistants**

Hazel Hitt

Michael Joyce

Judy York

#### **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)**

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,  
and in your light we shall see true light.

### **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 17**

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

### **Prayer for Wholeness**

O Beloved, your love is boundless. Your grace is greater than our sins. We hide from you and others, afraid to receive or give love. But when we hide you look for us. You find a way into our barricaded hearts. Cleanse our hearts of fear and resentments. Help us to receive your love and forgiveness and to offer the same to others.

### **Silence**

### **Kyrie eleison (2x)**

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

### **Declaration of grace and gratitude**

### **\*Response**

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**

Djibouti, Somalia

### **\*\*Hymn 21**

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

### **First Pew**

### **Parish Life**

### **Hymn 509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

"Precious Lord"

Thomas Dorsey / George Allen; arr. G. Toole

### **Lesson**

John 12:20-33

### **Sermon**

"A Corrective Lens"

### **\*Hymn 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## **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**

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Horatio G. Spafford

### **Affirmation**

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### **\*Credo**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### **\*Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,  
May Her grace and peace abound  
May Her Spirit live within you  
May Her love wrap you round.  
May Her blessing remain with you always  
May you walk on holy ground.

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### **Charge & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

I have a deep sense, hard to articulate, that if we could really befriend death we would be free people. ...our lives would be significantly different if we could relate to death as a familiar guest instead of a threatening stranger.

**Henri Nouwen**

When you use all your strength to fight your death, you are losing all the energy you have left to live. . . . We mistakenly believe that if we accept our deaths, we will begin to die. Curiously, the reverse is true: When we accept we are already dying we are set free to live. **Wayne Muller**

Death is not waiting for us at the end of a long road. Death is always with us, in the marrow of every passing moment. She is the secret teacher hiding in plain sight. She helps us to discover what matters most.

**Frank Ostaseski**, founder of the Zen hospice project

By 'coming to terms with life' I mean: the reality of death has become a definite part of my life; my life has, so to speak, been extended by death, by my looking death in the eye and accepting it, by accepting destruction as part of life and no longer wasting my energies on fear of death or the refusal to acknowledge its inevitability. It sounds paradoxical: by excluding death from our life we cannot live a full life, and by admitting death into our life we enlarge and enrich it.

**Etty Hillesum**

(killed at Auschwitz, 1943)

### **Flowers placed by**

The Price family fund

\*stand if you are able

\*\*children to First Pew

**Kyrie** by Bro. Stefan Waligur.  
**Blessing Song**, Words & Music by Miriam Theresa Winter.