

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 1 • Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday

6:45 a.m. Sunrise service at Rumsey Monument
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Tue 3

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

Wed 4

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence and candlelight. Sanctuary

Thu 5

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall
3:45 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, April 1, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 4:45–5:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes today, or by April 15 at the latest. 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.

BELLS FOR MLK, JR. at 7:05 on Wed. April 4, SPC will join with places of worship, college campuses and other institutions across the nation in tolling our bells 39 times to honor the number of years Dr. King dwelled on this earth and to pay homage to his legacy. This will also serve as a call to worship for our usual Taize prayer service that evening.

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Series continues our ongoing conversations

Fri/Sat 6 & 7

5:00 p.m. Youth weekend trip to Rolling Ridge

Sat 7

9:00 a.m. Session retreat. Priest Field

Sun 8 • Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32–35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

on race privilege & faith. Next April 8: Theological Education as an Act of Subversion (Chapter 7)

YOUTH ANNUAL CABIN OVERNIGHT @ Rolling Ridge Retreat Center. April 6-7. Pizza, campfire, board games, hiking, volunteering, exploring and smokes!! Have an “unplugged” weekend! RSVP by April 1. Sponsored by the SPC Youth Ed. committee. For more information or questions email Youth Shepherd: morganwisniewski@gmail.com.

EXPLORING JUSTICE film series continues Wednesday, April 11 with the 2014 historical drama *Selma*. 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS for those who would like to explore what it means to be a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian, there will be a class for a couple of hours following the second service on Sunday, April 29. A light lunch will be provided. If you have not already done so, please let Rev. Sitterley, bsitterley@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org, know if you would like to be a part of this.

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Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

RISEN TODAY

Christ is risen.

Right now.

Resurrection is about today,
not the day of your funeral.

Live today as if you know that
even if you die God will grant greater life,
that even if you give away all of yourself
God will create you anew,
that if you surrender yourself to a greater love
that will be miracle enough.

Live this day believing
that even in defeat and loss and failure
God creates unprecedented victory.
Live today knowing that when all seems hopeless
God transforms things.

Listen: When you sow seeds
God does not give them back,
but breaks them apart, pulls their insides out,
and turns them into beautiful plants.
(Taken... blessed... broken... given...)

Live today ready to be sown.

Live as if Christ is risen
in you.

Let your life—each moment of letting go,
each act of love, each breath—
be resurrection.

Steve Garnaas Holmes

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

On this mountain the Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and well-aged wines. And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples and will swallow up death forever.

Isaiah 25:6-7

You, O Loving Presence, have been my strength, You have stood beside me in the darkness, You have walked with me into the night! **Psalm 118** (Merrill)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20:1

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Evelyn Bailey
Trixie Gibbs
Ethel Hornbeck

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

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

1-cantor; 2-choir; 3-all (2x)

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 Worship

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

Breath of life, you are the healer and hope of the world. You liberate the imprisoned. But we remain entombed. We live in fear and succumb to despair. Roll away the stone. Break open our tombs. Breathe your life and love into our bodies. Help us imagine new possibilities for healing and hope. May Christ arise in us this day and always.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy on us

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Halle (3x)**

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

Special Offering

Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 238**

"Thine Is the Glory"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 20:1-18

Sermon

"Don't Cling To Me"

***Hymn 248**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Dutch folk melody / arr. John Ferguson

Affirmation

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***Acclamation**

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.

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

I called through your door,
"The mystics are gathering
in the street. Come out!"
"Leave me alone. I'm sick."
"I don't care if you're dead!
Jesus is here, and he wants
to resurrect somebody!"

Rumi

New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Easter is not the celebration of a past event. The alleluia is not for what was; Easter proclaims a beginning which has already decided the remotest future. The Resurrection means that the beginning of glory has already started.

Karl Rahner

There are times when I feel that he has withdrawn from me, and I have often given him cause, but Easter is always the answer to "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!"

Madeleine L'Engle
The Irrational Season

Chancel Flowers

The Flower Fund

Lillies & Tulips

In memoriam

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

Introit Zimbabwe traditional

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur