

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 15 • Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Performance of "Ruth"

Tue 17

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

Wed 18

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Thu 19

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1
3:45 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Sat 21

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

Sun 22 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24;
John 10:11–18*

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

9:45 a.m. Transition report. Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. More Light group. Classroom No. 1

SOCIAL JUSTICE mailing list. As we are laying the foundations for SPC's Social Justice Committee, we would like to develop a mailing list of people who would like to be involved in this and receive information and action alerts. If you would like to be on this mailing list please send an email to: socialjusticespc@gmail.com.

THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF TRANSITIONS. Please join us for a special opportunity to hear an update from your church leadership on this time of transition. Aside from a time of pastoral transition, this is also a time when our leadership and organization is evolving as well. There will be a few brief reports, and ample time for Q&A. **Sunday, April 22, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

MORE LIGHT GROUP. All are welcome! Grab your coffee and come upstairs to hear about this important work for justice. **April 22, 12:15 p.m.** Classroom No. 1.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS for those who would like to explore what it means to be a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian. There will be a two hour session following the second service. A light lunch will be provided. If you have not already done so, please let Rev. Sitterley know if you would like to be a part of this. **Sunday, April 29, 12:15 p.m.** Classroom No. 1.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Eastertide

Third Sunday

April 15, 2018

11:00 a.m.

HOPE

We live such lost love
with the pain of shattered
dreams laid waste
by words and deeds of
damnation tossed about
as if that was life.
Listen, listen to the
one voice that matters
that still holds the dream
beneath the surface of
anything you see with
whipped worn resignation
or glazed over attention.
Take the time to go deep
deep down into the stillness
of silence where your gift
lights the dark and
your Beloved has for you
a cup of soothing
balm of heavenly
imagination and wants
to show you what is
possible.

Trish Stefanik

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

Psalm 4:1

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **Luke 24:36b**

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Gino Santacroce

Ava Joyce

Rie Wilson

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

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace
Light before us...

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 23**

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, you are with us in all circumstances of our lives, but we often don't notice. You walk with us in our sorrow, as well as our delight. You call us to join with you in mending the world. But we are anxious, and often too self-absorbed to hear. Show us ways to listen and be with you. Awaken our hearts to a new way of living. Free us, that we might be one with you and each other. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Welcome

Blessing the World

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

****Hymn 301 (vs. 1, 2)**

"All Are Welcome"

First Pew with SPC Players

***Hymn 301 (vs. 3-5)**

"All Are Welcome"

Parish Life

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Reflection

"As Heard On the Mall"

***Hymn 749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

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**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace
Christ before us...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

But the racial problem, or the problem of racism—the actual racial situation in our faith communities—is not separateness itself. And togetherness is certainly no solution. Separateness is merely a symptom. The real problem is what our differences represent, how they came to be historically, and what they mean materially and structurally still.

Jennifer Harvey

In this country American means white. Everybody else has to hyphenate.

Toni Morrison

Racism is not merely a simplistic hatred. It is, more often, broad sympathy toward some and broader skepticism toward others.

Ta-Nehisi Coates

Obedience to the law, even unjust laws, had become one of the most egregious ways that ministers and their churches had become conformed to their culture.

Jim Wallis

Flowers placed by
The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Kyrie by Georgiann Toole