

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)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. **Isaiah 65:17**

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. **John 20:18**

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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.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.
(1x choir; 3x all)

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 ABOUNDS

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

Malawi, Zambia

Hymn 240 (vs 1, 2)

"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

"The News Is Bigger Than You Thought – Part II"

*Hymn 230

"Joyful Is the Dark"

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

"Anthem of Joy"
Purcell/Liebergen

Affirmation

† † †

*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

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

Nothing worthy of proving can be proved.

Alfred Tennyson

Following Jesus doesn't get us where we want to go. It gets us to where Jesus goes, where we meet him in Resurrection surprise: "My Lord and my God!"

Eugene H. Peterson

If we are not comfortable with mystery, we are not comfortable with the very gospel we proclaim.

Ruth Haley Barton

Chancel Flowers

The Flower Fund

Lillies & Tulips

In memoriam

* stand if you are able

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

Lord have Mercy

by Bro. Stefan Waligur

Christ is Risen

Zimbabwe traditional

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 21 • Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
6:15 a.m. Sunrise service. Rumsey Monument

Wed 24

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury
12:30 p.m. Spanish class. Fellowship Hall
2:30 p.m. Strategic Visioning. Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Sat 27

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship Hall

Sun 28 • Second Sunday of Easter/Earth Day Sunday

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship. Reflections by Mary Anne Hitt & Bill Sitterley
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee meeting. Classroom No. 1
4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

NO SUNDAY STUDIO OR NURSERY on Easter Sunday. Children are invited to stay in pews with their parents.

SUNDAY SEMINARS: The Gospel of Mary. April 28 & May 5. 9:45 a.m. The Gospel of Mary, the only gospel whose main character is a woman. And what a woman! Mary (presumably of Magdala) is Jesus’ confidante, with whom he shared insights not shared with the other disciples. Mary shores up the others when they fear that preaching the gospel will get them killed too. Mary is conversant with Greek philosophy. This gospel is contemporaneous with books included in the New Testament. We’ll also critique the canon process—and why New Testament woman-bashing is bogus! Mary’s gospel blows away an all-male priesthood, bishoprics (that’s one word), etc. Copies of the text are available in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION FAIR. *Sharing gratitude, awareness, and possibilities with our congregation.* After each service, **Sunday, June 2.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall to see and celebrate SPC’s mission engagement in our community and our world.

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Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 21, 2019
11:00 a.m.

I Praise You for this Resurrection Madness

Lord of such amazing surprises
as put a catch in my breath
and wings on my heart,
I praise You for this joy,
too great for words
but not for tears and songs and sharing;
for this mercy
that blots out my betrayals
and bids me to begin again,
to limp on, to hop-skip-and-jump on,
to mend what is broken in and around me,
and to forgive the breakers;
for this YES
to life and laughter, to love and lovers,
and to my unwinding self;
for this kingdom
unleashed in me and I in it forever,
and no dead ends to growing,
to choices, to chances, to calls to be just;
no dead ends to living,
to making peace, to dreaming dreams,
to being glad of heart;
for this resurrection madness
which is wiser than I
and in which I see how great You are,
how full of grace.
Alleluia!

Ted Loder

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We Choose Welcome