

**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 22 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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  
12:15 p.m. Nominating committee.  
Classroom No. 3

**Tue 24**

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting.  
Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Wed 25**

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer  
at Canterbury  
4:15 p.m. Social Justice committee.  
Classroom No. 1

**COMMUNITY DINNER TIME CHANGE.** Beginning May 6 the Community dinner held at Zion Episcopal Church will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please have your prepared meal to SPC between 4:15-4:45 p.m. We need: main dishes, veggies, salad, fresh fruit, bread, butter, and desserts. Go to [PerfectPotluck.com/coordinator](http://PerfectPotluck.com/coordinator) Wright, password 5777 to sign up. Please use disposable containers.

**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](mailto:socialjusticespc@gmail.com).

**REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION** support committee. All are welcome. **April 29, 12:15 p.m.** Classroom No. 3.

**Sat 28**

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

**Sun 29 • Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*  
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:15 p.m. New members class. Classroom No. 1  
12:15 p.m. Refugee & Immigration.  
Classroom No. 3  
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

**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.

**THE BELHAR CONFESSION.** Rev. Sitterley will be leading a class on The Belhar Confession, the most recent addition to our denomination's Book of Confessions. This is relevant not only because it is new, but also because it aligns with some principles important to SPC. Come and be informed! **May 6, 13 & 20, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Eastertide**  
Fourth Sunday

**April 22, 2018**  
11:00 a.m.

**Great Trees**

Slowly, slowly, they return to the small woodland let alone:  
Great trees, outspreading and upright,  
Apostles of the living light,

Patient as stars, they build in air tier after tier, a timbered choir,  
Stout beams, upholding weightless grace of song,  
A blessing on this place.

They stand in waiting all around, uprisings of their native ground,  
Down-comings of the distant light,  
They are the advent they await.

Receiving sun and giving shade, their life's a benefaction made,  
And is a benediction said,  
Over the living and the dead.

In fall their brightened leaves, released,  
Fly down the wind and we are pleased to walk on radiance, amazed,  
Oh, light, come down to earth, be praised!

**Wendell Berry**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Celebrating 275 Years*  
*Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future*  
*We Choose Welcome*

## BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

### Introit

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too  
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too  
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

### 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 (see insert)

### Prayer

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**\*Hymn 15** (vs. 1-3)  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

## GRACE ABOUND

### Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, *we have forgotten who we are.*

### Silence

### Kyrie eleison (2x)

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

### \*Response (2x)

*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**  
Angola, Mozambique

**\*\*Hymn 80**  
"The Trees of the Field"

### First Pew

### Parish Life

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. **Psalm 104: 24 -25**

The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that is made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. **Psalm 145:9-10**

The earth dries up and withers,  
The world languishes  
and withers . . .  
The earth lies polluted  
under its inhabitants;  
For they have transgressed laws,  
and broken  
the everlasting covenant.  
**Isaiah 24:4-5**

**Piano**  
Kari Edge  
**First Pew**  
Than Hitt  
**Assistants**  
Jillian Dillow  
Joel Dillow  
Charlotte Baker-Shenk

**Sermons & Newsletters**  
shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

**Sunday flowers**  
sign up in office

**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.

**\*Hymn 625** (vs. 1-2)  
"How Great Thou Art"

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

### Interlude

**Lesson**  
Job 38 (selected verses)

**Sermon**  
"Through the Eyes of Francis"

**\*Hymn 22** (vs. 1-3)  
"God of the Sparrow"

## SERVING THE WORLD

### Prayer for Others

### Presenting Offerings

**Offertory**  
"Great Trees"  
Wendell Berry / Alice Amidon

### Affirmation

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### \*Credo

We believe that the notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global environmental and economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity.

**\*Response**  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of mankind with ruthless cruelty so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to thee in song, has been a groan of pain. **St. Basil** AD 350

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

**Jane Goodall**

We already know from experience with the "beautiful book" of creation that this garden serves us. It serves us with good foods, beauty, herbs, fiber, medicine, pleasant microclimates, continual soil-making, nutrient processing, and seed production... Yet Genesis addresses our service to the garden. The garden's service to us is implicit; service by us to the garden is explicit. **Dr. Calvin DeWitt**

Any form of religiosity or spirituality that remains disconnected from outward creation is ultimately also uninvolved with the inward mystery of all things.

**Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew**  
Archbishop of Constantinople

Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us.

**Robin Wall Kimmerer**  
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*

**Flowers placed by**  
Stephanie & Perry Jamieson  
in memory of Stephanie's sister  
Sharon

\*stand if you are able

\*\*children to First Pew

**Kyrie** by Georgiann Toole