

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 6 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
9:45 a.m. Forum: Belhar Confession.
Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
2:00 p.m. Youth canoe trip.
5:30 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal

Sat 12

6:30 p.m. Movable feast supper group.
Hosted by Priscilla & Gary Deem

Sun 13 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:45 a.m. Forum: Belhar Confession.
Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

CONGRATULATIONS! The church family extends its prayers and blessings to Sandra Jenkins and Mary Bell on the occasion of their marriage this past week.

PENTECOST OFFERING, Sunday, May 20. Split equally between Caring Cupboard (which supplies food to school children for the weekend and the PCUSA Youth Mission Fund.)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION. Let the office know if you or your child is graduating from high school or college (college name plus degree/major) this spring. Graduates will be honored May 20.

NEW SUNDAY SEMINAR SERIES, The Belhar Confession is 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. Led by Rev. Sitterley. **Sundays, May 13 and 20, from 9:45 a.m.,** Fellowship Hall.

REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION support committee. All are welcome. **Postponed to May 20, 12:15 p.m.** Classroom No. 1.

LEADERS NEEDED. Summer Studio is quickly approaching. We are searching for new and returning parent teachers, non-parents, and 8:30am and 11am attendees to lead a summer studio class. Children are combined into one studio class and the lesson is up to you. Please consider giving back to our SPC children and their families! To sign up please contact Emily Gross egross@shepherd.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. SPC summer picnic, June 3, 5:00 p.m. Morgan's Grove Park. Details to follow.

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Eastertide
Seventh Sunday

May 6, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Fall in Love

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.

It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ 1907-1991

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

O sing to the Beloved a new song, for Love has done marvelous things! By the strength of your Indwelling Presence, we, too, are called to do great things; we are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.

Psalm 98:1-2 (Merrill)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 10:44-46

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:11-12**

Whatever is born of God conquers the world. **1 John 5:4**

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

William Gibbs
Vivian Alexander
Catherine Irwin

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)

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

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 Prayer

Sing to the Beloved a new song.

Love has done marvelous things

Make a joyful noise to the Beloved

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea laugh and all that fills it.

Let the world and all its people sing together with joy

Prayer

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***Hymn 14 (vs 1-4)**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer for Wholeness

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from all that keeps us from love. Lead us toward wholeness, fill us with your joy, and inspire us to mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.

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Welcome

Blessing the World

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

****Hymn 48**

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 306 (vs. 1-3)**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 15:9-17

Sermon

"On Inheriting Friends"

***Hymn 761**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Alleluia, Christ is Risen"
arr. James Kirby

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**

Serve, I will serve you, Lord...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I really only love God as much as
I love the person I love the least.

Dorothy Day

For just a moment think of the difference in your life if you knew that at the deepest level of your being that God is besotted [infatuated] with you, that God yearns for you, yearns that you turn and be in relationship with God as the beloved of God. **Marcus Borg**

You can never love another unless you are equally involved in the difficult spiritual work of learning to love yourself.

John O'Donohue

Friendship with God introduces us into God's universal friendship, in which we are commanded to love every person as our neighbor. **Liz Carmichael**

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Georgiann Toole.