

Praise the Blessed One! Give praise from the heavens, and from all ends of the earth! Give praise all you angels, angels of earth and of heaven! Give praise, sun and moon, give praise, all you shining stars! Give praise, all universes, the whole cosmos of creation!

Psalm 148 (Nan Merrill)

A voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." **Acts 11:9**

I give you a new commandment: love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. **John 13:34-35**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21: 1-2

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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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light.
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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

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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*Hymn 17

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Blessed One, you are gracious and full of compassion. You love us endlessly and call us to love others. We profess love and yet fail to act lovingly. You give generously but we refuse to share. You show us mercy but we judge, condemn and exclude others. Help us be gracious, generous and compassionate. Help us love one another as you love us.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Brazil

**Hymn 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 637 (vs. 1-4)
"O Sing to the Lord"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading
(front cover)

Interlude

Lesson
Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

"Reformed, and Always Being Reformed"

*Hymn 282

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others
O Blessed One;
let your Light shine.

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Know That God Loves You"
Carson Cooman

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

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are. **Bertolt Brecht**

[All] change, even very large and powerful change, begins when a few people start talking with one another about something they care about.

Margaret J. Wheatley

Change of one sort or another is the essence of life, so there will always be the loneliness and insecurity that comes with change. When we refuse to accept that loneliness and insecurity are part of life, when we refuse to accept that they are the price of change, we close the door on many possibilities for ourselves; our lives become lessened. Life evolves; change is constant.

Jean Vanier

Welcome any change that comes into any phase in your life; insist that it is going to turn out for the better, and it will. See the Angel of God in it, and the Angel of God will make all things new." **Emmet Fox**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Chris Cubby
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Claire & Ed Cubby

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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 19 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Stories from Colombia. Fellowship Hall

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

Tue 21

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

Wed 22

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury

2:30 p.m. Strategic Visioning. Fellowship Hall

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

Thu 23

7:00 p.m. Worship committee. Classroom No. 1

Sat 25

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

Sun 26 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

STORIES FROM COLOMBIA, May 19, 9:45 a.m. Jeff Hornbeck will share his experience from his one month with the Presbyterian Colombia Accompaniment program.

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, June 2, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP! The Women's Circle celebrates the end of this season with their annual salad/dessert luncheon at the home of Helen Burns **June 6 at 11:00 a.m.** Bread, iced tea, plates, etc., will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited to join us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETE MADEO will be held in the barn at the Madeo's home, 9349 Stottlemeyer Rd., Boonsboro, MD, **June 8, 2:00-5:00 p.m.** An early dinner will be served after the service. Dress is casual. Contact the office for directions.

PENTECOST OFFERING, Sunday, June 9. Split equally between Caring Cupboard which supplies food to school children for the weekend and the PCUSA Youth Mission Fund.

Eastertide
Fifth Sunday

May 19, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Dance Partner

In this season many pastors and churches
are changing partners.
You are dancing; you are not married.

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Open your heart.
Listen for the music.
Let the Spirit lead.

Remember who you are.
Honor who they are.
Listen for their song.

Forgive them already.
Walk with them.

Come to serve, not to be served.

Focus on serving the world.
Check your assumptions.
Make it work.

Embrace change.
Be willing to change.
Embody resurrection.

Begin with Yes.
Imitate Jesus.
Pray always.

Follow God with them.
Dance while the music lasts.
Let them go when it is time.

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