

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 20 • Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar: Belhar Confession.
Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
12:30 p.m. Youth hike/walk. C&O Canal

Tue 22

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

Wed 23

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at
Canterbury (meet in lobby at 10:30)

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.

LEADERS NEEDED. Summer Studio is in need of new and returning teachers to lead a summer studio class. Children are combined into one studio class and the lesson is up to you. Contact Emily Gross egross@shepherd.edu to sign up.

MORE LIGHT TEACH-IN: Caring for LGBTQ refugees & asylum seekers. This 3 part series responds to congregational leaders who have active ministries to both LGBTQ people and refugees, and who want to be a better source of support to both populations. All are welcome. **Continues Wednesday, May 30, 3:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY DINNER. To sign up, go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:15-4:45 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers. **Sunday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.**, Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town.

SPC SUMMER PICNIC *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* Bring a dish to serve

Sat 26

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

Sun 27 • Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
4:30 p.m. Community hymn sing. Choir Room

12. Assignments per last name A-H: side dish; I-S: veggie or salad; T-Z: dessert. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact the office if you can help. **Sunday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.**, Morgan's Grove Park.

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP! The Women's Circle celebrates the end of this season with their annual salad/dessert luncheon on **Thursday, June 7, 11 a.m.**, at the home of Helen Burns, Contact HelenHibbardBurns@gmail.com or 304-876-9146 for directions. Bread, iced tea, plates, etc., will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. We invite all women of the church to join us.

TEEN WEEK June 16-20. A week of adventure and service for youth grades 6-12. We will be: Learning... about the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere and how we can care for God's creation. Serving... With a trail and river clean-up, and plant a monarch butterfly garden. And having fun... tubing, hiking, camping and enjoying the great outdoors! \$50 per person. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association. Contact the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish to register: 304-876-6771

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Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

11:00 a.m.

When We Breathe Together

A Blessing for Pentecost Day

This is the blessing
we cannot speak
by ourselves.

This is the blessing
we cannot summon
by our own devices,
cannot shape
to our purpose,
cannot bend
to our will.

This is the blessing
that comes
when we leave behind
our aloneness
when we gather
together
when we turn
toward one another.

This is the blessing
that blazes among us
when we speak
the words
strange to our ears
when we finally listen
into the chaos
when we breathe together
at last.

Jan Richardson

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Psalm 104:24**

When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth.
John 16:13a

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
Acts 2:1-4

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
Romans 8:26

Piano
Kari Edge
First Pew
Chris Morehouse
Assistants
Indie Asam
Cora Wilkinson
Phil Baker-Shenk

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)

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear. Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out and touch the world with your love.

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 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life, you call us to move beyond ourselves— to welcome the stranger, to love our enemies and to build your Beloved Community. But we are weary and discouraged. Our vision is dim, our dreams too small. Kindle fire within us. Revive and renew us with a vision of liberation for all peoples and nations. Spirit open my heart and love the world through me. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response

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

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

**Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

Welcoming New Members

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Sermon

"Power Revisited"

*Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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

"Veni Spiritus" (Come Spirit)
P. Stewart/B. Nix

Affirmation

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*Credo

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

*Response

Holy Spirit, come...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O Holy Spirit, you are the mighty way in which every thing that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness. **Hildegard of Bingen**

Learning how to love is the goal and the purpose of spiritual life — not learning how to develop psychic powers, not learning how to bow, chant, do yoga, or even meditate, but learning to love. Love is the truth. Love is the light.
Lama Surya Das

The spiritual journey always begins elitist and ends egalitarian. Always!
Ken Wilber

Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we changed. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change, is the experience of love and acceptance itself. This is the engine of change.
Richard Rohr

Flowers placed by
John Burns
in celebration of
Helen Burns birthday

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Georgiann Toole.