

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 27 • Trinity Sunday

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

Tue 29

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

Wed 30

3:00 p.m. More Light Teach-In. Fellowship Hall
4:15 p.m. Social Justice. Classroom No. 1

MORE LIGHT SUNDAY will be celebrated **June 3**. One of our favorite guest preachers, Layton Williams, will be preaching. We'll hear an update on the work of More Light Presbyterians and some exciting things to watch for at the upcoming General Assembly. There will be cake! And then a picnic! Come celebrate the "more light that God is revealing" in our midst!

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

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.

WOMEN CIRCLE celebrates the end of season with their annual salad/dessert luncheon at the home of Helen Burns. Bread, iced tea, plates, etc., will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Contact Helen at HelenHibbardBurns@gmail.com for directions. We invite all women of the church to join us. **Thursday, June 7, 11 a.m.**

Sun 3 • 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

More Light Sunday
1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
5:00 p.m. Summer picnic. Morgans Grove Park
5:30 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. The nominating committee recommends the following for the Pastor's Nominating Committee (PNC): Elaine Hurd, Catherine Irwin, Christa Joyce, Chris Morehouse, Joshua Nolen and Dave Smith. Contact Rev. Bill Sitterley or Nominating Committee Chair, Jeff Hornbeck if you have any questions. The slate will be presented for election to the congregation on **Sunday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.** Sanctuary

SHEPHERDSTOWN COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL New Location New Time! Register children 3 yrs. old to 5th grade. Youth-adults needed to assist with activities. Great volunteer opportunity for the entire family or simply drop off the kids and have a quiet dinner at home for the week. Registration forms located in the SPC classrooms and Fellowship Hall. Contact Emily Gross, egross@shepherd.edu for more information. **July 9-13, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, Asbury United Methodist Church.

TEEN WEEK! A week of adventure and service for youth grades 6-12, 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. **July 16-20.**

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018
11:00 a.m.

This Happy Communion

Holiest Mystery,
Community of Love,
Creator, Christ, Spirit,
Three in One,
you in Christ,
Christ in us,
and everywhere, Spirit,
connecting, caressing, cajoling
us into the image of wholeness
tattooed on the heart and the soul
of every living thing.
We are not alone,
never isolated except in the imagination
of our wounded hearts.
Christ abides in us,
and we in Her,
and the joy of this is why we sing,
and why we pray,
and why we take our place
in this happy communion.
Thank you for this banquet of love,
this feast of joy,
this miracle of common purpose
in Christ.
Amen.

Bruce Sanguin

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Give praise to the Beloved, O heavenly hosts, Sing of Love's glory and strength. Exalt the glory of Love's Name; Adore the Beloved in holy splendor.

Psalm 29 (Nan Merrill)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" **Isaiah 6:1, 8**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit." **John 3:4-6**

Preacher

Ethel Hornbeck

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Jonah Schmidt

Parker Schmidt

Mica Martin

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 to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.

Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us

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 1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and Merciful One, we are tiny specks among vast galaxies. And yet you bless us and invite us into communion with you, with each other, with all that you have made. But we disrespect the blessing. We exploit the earth and one another. We do not trust in your abundant love. Forgive us. Awaken us to delight in your creation. Restore in us a vision of your beloved community. Inspire us to renew the face of the earth in the spirit of wisdom and compassion.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy on us

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

****Doxology (Hymn 609)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome

Blessing the World

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

Hymn 7

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Parish Life

Hymn 174

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 3:1-17

Sermon

"Theology Matters"

***Hymn 637**

"O Sing to the Lord"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Spirit, open our hearts. *May we love as you love.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"We All Believe"

Robert J. Weaver

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.

****Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,

May Her grace and peace abound

May Her Spirit live within you

May Her love wrap you round.

May Her blessing remain with you always

May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The universe is not a collection of objects, but a communion of subjects.

Thomas Berry

God is the lover, the beloved, and the love that binds them together.

St. Augustine, d. 430

For God to be truth, God had to be one; for God to be love, God had to be two; and for God to be joy, God had to be three!

Richard of St. Victor, d. 1173

In the end, knowing God is as illusive as predicting a firefly's trajectory over a field of hay after dusk. But what we do learn while contemplating the Trinity is the dynamism of creation, incarnation, delight, genesis, the inter-relationship of everything, of darkness, of light, of image, of silence. Of matter. Of nothingness.

Suzanne Guthrie

In the core of the Trinity, the Father laughs and gives birth to the Son. The Son laughs back at the Father and gives birth to the Spirit. The whole Trinity laughs and gives birth to us. **Meister Eckhart**

Love is an active force that should lead us into greater communion with the world...loving practice is not aimed at simply giving an individual greater life satisfaction; it is extolled as the primary way we end domination and oppression.

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Flowers placed by

Chris Cubby

in loving memory of her parents

Ed & Claire Cubby

*stand if you are able

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur