

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 1 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex  
11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
5:30 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**Sat 7**

6:00 p.m. Bedford group overnight stay

**Sun 8 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**COMMUNION TODAY:** All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, July 1, 5:30 p.m.,** Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 4:15–4:45 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**FIRST SUMMER SEMINAR** July 8, 9:45 a.m. Join us to view and discuss the documentary *Locked in a Box*, tracing individuals who fled their homes in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). *Locked in a Box* helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention. To view the documentary in advance, go to: <https://vimeo.com/146727430>.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL** for children 3 yrs. to 5th grade. Registration forms in the SPC classrooms and

Fellowship Hall. Contact Emily Gross, [egross@shepherd.edu](mailto:egross@shepherd.edu) for more information. **July 9-13, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,** Asbury United Methodist Church.

**TEEN WEEK! July 16–20.** A week of adventure and service. Youth, grades 6–12, will learn about the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere and how we can care for God’s creation. They will serve by helping with trail and river cleanup, and planting a monarch butterfly garden. And they will have 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.

**DELECTABLE DESSERTS** sign up in Fellowship Hall and Narthex to bring desserts for Storied Evenings **July 11, 18 and 25.**

**SHARE YOUR GARDEN** surplus with others. Place your surplus vegetables and fruit in boxes or bags and leave in the Fellowship Hall.

Ordinary Time  
Thirteenth Sunday

July 1, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

**REFUGEES**

Into the wild and painful cold of the starless winter night  
came the refugees, slowly making their way to the border.

The man, stooped from age or anxiety,  
hurried his small family through the wind. . .  
His eyes, black and alert, darted from side to side,  
then over his shoulder, then back again forward.  
Had they been seen? Had they been heard?

Every rustle of wind, every sigh from the child,  
sent terror through his chest. . .

He glanced at the young woman, his bride.

No more than a child herself,  
she nuzzled the newborn, kissing his neck.  
She looked up, caught his eye, and smiled.

Oh, how the homelessness had taken its toll on her!

Her eyes were red, her young face lined,  
her lovely hair matted from inattention,  
her clothes stained from milk and baby,  
her hands chapped from the raw wind of winter.

She’d hardly had time to recover from childbirth  
when word had come that they were hunted. . .

Suddenly, the child began to make small noises.

The man drew his breath in sharply; the woman quietly put the child to breast.

Fear. . . long dread-filled moments. . .

Huddled, the family stood still in the long silence.

At last the man breathed deeply again, reassured they had not been heard.

And into the night continued Mary and Joseph and the Babe.

**Ann Weems**

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Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt. **Exodus 23:9**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

**Psalm 130:5-6**

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. **Romans 13:10**

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

**Matthew 25:35**

**Preacher**

Rev. Bill Sitterley

**Piano**

Kari Edge

**Offertory**

Pat Dick

**Assistants**

Evelyn Groff

Sophia Tuzzio

Leslie Williams

**Sermons & Newsletters**

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**Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

**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.

**Childcare Available**

In the nursery at the 11:00 service  
See ushers for assistance.

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

**Introit (2x)**

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,  
and God will be our savior.

**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 509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

O God, by your Spirit, you create new possibilities for community and for love, and yet we build barriers to people and things we do not understand. We resist cries for justice and peace, and we ignore the hungry and hurting in our midst. We do not live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform us by the power of your love, and inspire us to lives of healing and wholeness. In the way and in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Silence**

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**

The Pacific Islands

**\*\*Hymn 753**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**First Pew**

**Memorial Prayer**

**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 340**

"This Is My Song"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Romans 13:8-10

**Sermon**

"A Higher Authority"

**\*Hymn 186**

"Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table"

**SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia.

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini"

Rachmaninoff

**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**

Welcoming the stranger (the "immigrant," we would say today) is the most often repeated commandment in the Hebrew Scriptures, with the exception to worship only the one God. And the love of neighbor (especially the more vulnerable neighbor) is doubtlessly the New Testament's constant command... Whatever the cause of immigration today, there can be no doubt as to where the Church must stand when it comes to defending the immigrant. **Orlando Espín**

The bosom of America is open to receive not only the Opulent and respected Stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all Nations and Religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges...

**George Washington**

Citizenship to me is more than a piece of paper. Citizenship is also about character. I am an American. We're just waiting for our country to recognize it.

**Jose Antonio Vargas**

The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.

**Alexis de Tocqueville**

I think for Presbyterians it really is central to our understanding of the Gospel. There are 92 times that scripture reminds us of our responsibility to welcome and love our neighbors.

**Susan Krehbiel**

**Flowers placed by**

Lois Butcher  
in memory of  
Hazel and Russell Butcher

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

**Blessing Song**, Words & Music  
by Miriam Theresa Winter.