

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 29 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sun 5 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–12; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
5:30 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

IN LIEU OF SUNDAY STUDIO for July, children may be dismissed to watch a movie together after First Pew, or they may return to sit with their parents.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. 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.

BOOK BAGS FOR NEEDY KIDS PROGRAM. SPC has been matched with TA Lowery Elementary to help provide needy kids with book bags and basic school supplies. Leave items in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, August 12.** Items needed: durable book bags/ backpacks, 16 count crayons, wide ruled notebook paper, rulers, pencils of any kind, pencil bag/box, one inch three ring binders, composition notebooks, single subject spiral notebooks, tissues, pocket folders with prongs.

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

YOUR FAITHFULNESS and generosity to the church has been outstanding again this year. Remember that expenses continue through the summer months. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated. SPC Finance Committee.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday

July 29, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Each morning we hold out our chalice of being
To be filled with the graces of life that abound—
Air to breathe, food to eat, companions to love,
Beauty to behold, art to cherish, causes to serve.

They come in ritual procession, these gifts of life.
Whether we deserve them we cannot know or say,
For they are poured out for us.
Our task is to hold steady the chalice of our being.

We carry the chalice with us as we go,
Either meandering aimlessly,
Or with destination in our eye.

We share its abundance if we have any sense,
Reminding others as we remind ourselves
Of the contents of the chalice we don't deserve.
Water from living streams fills it
If only we hold it out faithfully.

We give back, if we can, something of ourselves—
Some love, some beauty, some grace, some gift.
We give back in gratitude if we can
Something like what is poured into our chalice of being—
For those who abide with us and will follow.

Each morning we hold out the chalice of our being,
To receive, to carry, to give back.

Dag Hammarskjold

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

Psalm 14:1

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. **John 6:19-21**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Men's Quartet
Tim Artlip • Mark Pullen
Bill Rule • Brad Toole

First Pew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

Joel Dillow
Jillian Dillow
Phil Baker-Shenk

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)

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

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 25**

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, you call us to the way of compassion and peace, but we prefer power and comfort. We support systems of privilege and violence, and fail to see all those who suffer. Give us new vision to imagine your kingdom coming in our world and in our lives today, and grant us the courage to create it with you. 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

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

****Song**

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn (see insert)**

"When We Watch the Rescue"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 6: 1 – 21

Sermon

"Enough is Enough"

***Hymn 312**

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"To God Be The Glory"

Fanny Crosby & William Doane / arr. Mo Rector

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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In feeding the hungry crowd, Jesus reminds us that the wounds of scarcity can be healed only by faith in God's promise of abundance. **Walter Brueggemann**

Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them and receive them from others when we are in need. **Parker Palmer**

It is a fundamental law of nature, that there is enough and it is finite. Its finiteness is no threat; it creates a more accurate relationship that commands respect, reverence, and managing those resources with the knowledge that they are precious and in ways that do the most good for the most people. **Lynne Twist**

The task we must set for ourselves is not to feel secure, but to be able to tolerate insecurity. **Erich Fromm**

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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sign up in office