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**Office hours**  
Sunday through Thursday  
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**Sun 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Classroom No. 1  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:15 p.m. Refugee resettlement committee. Classroom No. 1  
12:30 p.m. Youth pool party. Home of Judy York & Sheila Dillow

**Mon 14**

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. Classroom No. 3

**Thu 17**

7:30 p.m. Worship committee. Fellowship Hall

**Sat 19**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall  
9:00 a.m. Teacher training. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Classroom No. 1  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
4:00 p.m. Book discussion. Fellowship Hall

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** August 13-18.

**WORSHIP August 20:** Reflections: Chris Morehouse and Kay Schultz. Lessons: *Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28.*

**HISPANIC MISSION FOOD** outreach Sundays, August 6, 13, & 20 for Hispanic migrant workers. The most requested items are: rice, dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. Place items in the bushel baskets in narthex or office foyer.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SEMINAR** *Practicing Presence: Meditation, Mindfulness and Prayer.* Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Classroom No. 1. **August 20:** Centering Prayer, led by Yvonne Fisher.

**BOOK DISCUSSION.** Sunday, August 20, 4-5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things.*

**MOVING UP CEREMONY.** Sunday, August 27 at the 10:45 service. Let the office know your child's grade level.

**SPC SUMMER PICNIC** *The whole*

*congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, August 27, 5:00 p.m.,** at Morgan's Grove Park. Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: dessert; I-P side dish; Q-Z: vegetable or salad. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:25 a.m. Sanctuary. Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. Childcare will be available.

**OUR SUNDAY STUDIO KIDS** need teachers! Those wonderful, smart little people need you a few times a year to be their teacher. Contact Amanda Groff via the office.

**TRANSITION QUESTIONS.** All questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Stated Clerk of Session, Suellen Myers via transition-questions@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org or Office Manager Kathy Reid via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

**Ordinary Time**  
Nineteenth Sunday

**August 13, 2017**  
10:45 a.m.

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness.  
It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a  
meaningless and empty life.  
It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection does not appear,  
when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades,  
when despair destroys all joy and courage.  
Sometime at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness,  
and it is as though a voice were saying,  
"You are accepted. You are accepted,  
accepted by that which is greater than you,  
and the name of which you do not know.  
Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later.  
Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much.  
Do not seek for anything,  
do not perform anything,  
do not intend anything.  
Simply accept the fact that you are accepted. "  
If that happens to us, we experience grace.  
After such an experience we may not be  
better than before, and we may not believe more  
than before. But everything is transformed.

Paul Tillich

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Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. **Genesis 37: 3-4**

O give thanks to the Beloved, and open your hearts to Love. Awaken! Listen in silence for the Voice of the Counselor.

**Psalm 105:1** (Merrill)

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

**Romans 10:12**

And after Jesus had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

**Matthew 14:23-25**

#### **Worship Leaders**

Phil Baker-Shenk

Esther Murphy

#### **Reflections**

John Mason

Yvonne Fisher

#### **Assistants**

Trixie Gibb

Evelyn Bailey

#### **First Pew**

Lonce Bailey

#### **Piano**

Kari Edge

#### **Offertory**

Mary Anne Hitt

Abby Rodriguez • Morgan Sell

#### **Childcare Available**

In the nursery at the 10:45 service  
See ushers for assistance.

## **BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD**

### **Introit (2x)**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

### **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 33**

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, we know we do not live as we could: we turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We dim your light within us, with pride, selfishness and our need for control. Call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us and free us to live and to love in the way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen

### **Kyrie (2x)**

Kyrie eleison

### **Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

### **\*Response (2x)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### **Welcome**

### **Blessing the World**

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

### **Hymn 19**

“God of Great and God of Small”

### **First Pew**

### **Parish Life**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Reflection**

### **Hymn 157**

“I Danced in the Morning”

### **Reflection**

### **Hymn 177**

“I Will Come to You”

## **SERVING THE WORLD**

### **Prayer for Others**

### **Presenting Offerings**

### **Offertory**

“Down to the River to Pray”

Alison Krauss

### **Affirmation**

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### **\*Acclamation**

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 (2x)**

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

† † †

### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Let nothing trouble you,  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing,  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
The one who possesses God  
lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices.

### **Bookmark of Teresa of Avila**

The only things strong enough  
to break open our heart are  
things like pain, mistakes, unjust  
suffering, tragedy, failure and the  
general absurdity of life

**Richard Rohr**

Catastrophe is the essence of  
the spiritual path, a series of  
breakdowns allowing us to  
discover the threads that weave  
all of life into a whole cloth.

**Joan Halifax**

*Being with Dying: Cultivating  
Compassion and Fearlessness in  
the Presence of Death*

God called the world into being,  
and that call goes on. There is  
this present moment because  
God is present. Every instant is  
an act of creation.

**Abraham Heschel**

### **Flowers placed by**

Anne Teresa  
in loving memory of  
Joe Teresa

### **Sermons & Newsletters**

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### **Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

\*stand if you are able

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Toole. **Lord is My Light** © 1991  
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