

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 19 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Stewardship committee. CR 1
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee support committee. CR 1
1:00 p.m. Youth pool party.
Hosted by Judy York
4:15 p.m. Social Justice meeting. CR 1

Tue 21

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

Wed 22

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Thu 23

2:00 p.m. Strategic Visioning. CR 1

Sat 25

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

Sun 26 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43; Psalm 84;

Ephesians 6:10–20; John 6:56–69

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

CARING CUPBOARD. **September** is SPC's turn to pack and deliver bags to our two local schools. Meet Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. at the Lutheran Parish House on King Street. Contact Suellen Myers, 304-876-6035 or willowsp@earthlink.net if you can help.

MOVING UP CEREMONY. **Sunday, Sept. 9 at the 11:00 service.** Let the office know your child's grade level.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. Childcare will be available. **Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:45 a.m.** Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SEMINAR, Expanding our Welcome. This summer, the PCUSA passed a series of resolutions calling all churches in the denomination to explore ways to celebrate and embrace the gifts of LGBTQ people, and commit to work for the full inclusion and dignity of transgender persons. Our fall seminars will begin with a series on gender

and sexuality, using a More Light teach-in video that focuses on "Pastoral Care for LGBTQ Youth." This will help us review current language and terminology, explore the landscape facing LGBTQ persons, and discuss ways that we can expand our welcome, especially to youth. **September 16 and 23, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

Ordinary Time

Twentieth Sunday

August 19, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Magnificat

My soul sings in gratitude.
I'm dancing in the mystery of God.
The light of the Holy One is within me
and I am blessed, so truly blessed.
This goes deeper than human thinking.
I am filled with awe
at Love whose only condition
is to be received.

The gift is not for the proud,
for they have no room for it.
The strong and self-sufficient ones
don't have this awareness.
But those who know their emptiness
can rejoice in Love's fullness.
It's the Love that we are made for,
the reason for our being.
It fills our inmost heart space
and brings to birth in us, the Holy One.

Joy Cowley

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Reverence for You, O Holy One, is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all who practice it. Your Spirit endures for ever!

Psalm 111:10 (Merrill)

And Solomon said "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" **1 Kings 3:9**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **Ephesians 5:15-17**

Jesus said "This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." **John 6:58**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

William Gibbs

Jordan Hughes

Judy York

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)

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 33**

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Great and merciful God, we are haunted by darkness in ourselves and others. We are afraid. We give in to despair and give up on life. Restore our hope in your compassion, in ourselves, and in others. Open our hearts to love.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

****Hymn 21**

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 174**

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading (cover)

Interlude

Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-17

Sermon

"Wise Living"

***Hymn 734 (vs. 1-3)**

"Hope of the World"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

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

The more conscious you become,
the more aware you become of
how unconscious you've been.

Patricia Sun

You can tell whether a man is
clever by his answers. You tell
whether a man is wise by his
questions. **Naguib Mahfouz**

We do not strive for spectacular
actions. What counts is the gift of
yourself, the degree of love you
put into each of your deeds.

Mother Teresa

The most exquisite paradox... as
soon as you give it all up, you can
have it all. As long as you want
power, you can't have it. The
minute you don't want power,
you'll have more than you ever
dreamed possible. **Ram Dass**

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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Sunday flowers

sign up in office