

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 4 • 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall.
Grateful Together (CH 5)
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. JCCM
7:00 p.m. Peacefest. Sanctuary

Tue 6

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting.
Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 7

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence
and candlelight. Sanctuary

Sun 11 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24–28;
Mark 12:38–44*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall.
Thankful & Festive (CH 6)
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee
meeting. Classroom No. 1

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5:00 p.m. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked community dinner). Please use disposable containers. This month's dinner will be at JCCM.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY is Nov. 11. Please return your pledge form on or before then. If you didn't receive one in the mail, let the office know. There are also extra forms in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH LEAF RAKING. Youth outreach is continuing the fall tradition of raking leaves for members & friends of SPC. **Sunday, Nov. 11.** Meet at SPC at noon, finish around 3:30 p.m. for pizza. Bring a rake and gloves if you can. Let the office know by Nov. 9 if you would like to help or want help with your leaves.

SUPPORT LGBTQIA & YOUTH, Come learn how you can support a new effort to create a support group for LGBTQIA+ youth in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. **Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. For more information contact panhandleyouth@gmail.com.

MORE LIGHT THANKSGIVING. Come As You Are All Are Welcome At Our Table More Light Thanksgiving Meal. **Saturday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a wonderful meal and good company in a safe and welcoming space. Bring a side dish or dessert. Questions? Contact Jeananne Stine, jeanne27@gmail.com or Chris Thatcher thatcher.christopher@gmail.com.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR. Projects sponsored this year are: Columbia Accompaniment Program to help pay for peacemakers; PDA to assist immigrants with needs at the border; and Homeless Coalition to help fund hotel rooms for the cold weather shelter overflow. **Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2,** between services and after the 11:00 service.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time
Thirty-first Sunday

November 4, 2018
11:00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS DAY

You are God's holy saint,
chosen and blessed, given sacred gifts, invested with divine powers.

You were born to radiate the glory of God,
to fulfill God's deepest desires, to complete God's delight.

You are given an extraordinary heart for love,
if only you discover it.
All that you do has hidden in it this holy purpose,
this infinite potential.

You are not unusual among saints,
neither more nor less sanctified than any of them.
They are all people who have lives, who wake up and make choices,
who do chores and forget things and do not understand their place
in the splendor of the heavens.

This is not an excuse. You were born to be holy.
This is not a burden, not a duty, a command or an obligation,
not a threat or a trap.

It is a gift.
Let it be a wonder, a mystery to ponder,
so that in your hands
it becomes a gift, and you join the great choir
singing the magnificence of this life and the One who gives it.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no
help. **Psalm 146:3**

Ruth said to Naomi, "Do not
press me to leave you or to turn
back from following you! Where
you go, I will go; Where you
lodge, I will lodge; your people
shall be my people, and your
God my God. Where you die, I
will die—there will I be buried.
May the LORD do thus and so
to me, and more as well, if even
death parts me from you!"

Ruth 1:16-17

One of the scribes came near
and heard them disputing with
one another, and seeing that he
answered them well, he asked
him, "Which commandment is
the first of all?" **Mark 12:28**

The fruit of the righteous is a tree
of life, but violence takes lives
away. **Proverbs 11:30**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Offertory

Stacy McFarland

Assistants

William Gonano

EV Gruber

Carol Wood

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)

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

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 673**

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, we confess that is so hard to love as you command.
We want to love you with all that we are, except when you ask
us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We struggle to
love ourselves, and create barriers to receiving love from you.
Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help
us take risks: to love others compassionately; to love ourselves
genuinely; and to love you as completely as you love us. In the
way and in the Spirit of Jesus.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Welcome

Blessing the World

Liberia, Sierra Leone

****Hymn 48"**

"Rain Down

First Pew

Parish Life

Minute for Stewardship

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 326 (vs. 1-3)
"For All the Saints"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 2:9

Sermon

"Faithfulness Sustains the Generations"

***Hymn (insert)**

"O God, This Day We Grieve"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Pie Jesu"

Merciful, Jesus, grant them eternal rest

Hyun Kook

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

At times our own light goes out
and is rekindled by a spark from
another person. Each of us has
cause to think with deep grati-
tude of those who have lighted
the flame within us.

Albert Schweitzer

The advocates of Christian-
ity squander their energies in
the mere preservation of what
had come down to them, with
no thought of building on their
house and making it roomier.

C. G. Jung

When we describe "Church," we
like to say that it is a gift-evoking,
gift-bearing community. This is
why "Church" implies a people;
no one enters into the fullness of
their being except in community
with other persons.

Elizabeth O'Connor

Am I afraid to die? I am every
time I let myself be seduced by
the noisy voices in my world
telling me that my little life is
all I have and advising me to
cling to it with all my might. But
when I let these voices move to
the background of my life and
listen to that small soft voice
calling me the Beloved, I know
that there is nothing to fear and
that dying is the greatest act of
love, the act that leads me into
the eternal embrace of my God
whose love is everlasting.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Flowers placed by

John & Helen Burns
in celebration of their
22nd anniversary

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office