

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Ordinary Time
Thirty-third Sunday

November 18, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Sun 18 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

Alternative Christmas Fair after each service

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. Classroom 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall.
Grateful Society (CH 7)

4:00 p.m. SMA Community Thanksgiving.
New Street United Methodist

Tue 20

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 21

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Classroom 1

Sat 24

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

Sun 25 • Christ the King/Reign of Love

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bob Shefner

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18);

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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NOT GETTING WEDNESDAY NOTICES or prayer concern emails? Let the office know to add you to the lists. office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR. Projects sponsored this year are: Columbia Accompaniment Program to help pay for peacemakers; PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) 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**, after each service.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING, Sunday, November 18 4:00 p.m. with reception to follow. Guest Musicians: Shepherdstown Middle School Band & their Elementary School Chorus. Thanksgiving offering goes to Caring Cupboard and JCCM. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

MOVIE NIGHT. Join Adult Education, Social Justice and More Light for the fun and frolicking coming out movie, *Love Simon*, **Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Seventeen year old Simon Spear has yet to tell his

family and friends he's gay and he's fallen for an anonymous classmate online. What ensues is a thrilling ride of finding yourself and falling in love.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, December 2, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked community dinner). Please use disposable containers.

COLDWEATHER SHELTER AT SPC Dec. 8-14. Overnight guests will arrive 7 p.m., leave 7 a.m. Volunteers needed in two separate efforts: morning meals, and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman is needed each night. Contact Paul Hodder, phodder@frontiernet.net if you can help. If you can help with breakfast, or ensure there are adequate supplies, contact Helen Burns, helenhibbardburns@gmail.com.

JOY GIFT POTLUCK - new day, new location. **Sunday, Jan. 6, 5:00 p.m.** Asbury United Methodist Church (across from Morgans Grove Park). Details to follow.

Fall in Love

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

Hannah prayed, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God who raises up the poor from the dust; and the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

1 Samuel 2:1, 8

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

Mark 13:1-2

Preacher
Rev. Bill Sitterley
Organ
Dianne Holliman
Assistants
Indie Asam
William Gibbs
Frances Marshall

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)

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

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

Loving and Merciful God, as the night grows longer, we long for the light. We long to live as one people, yet we are broken, divided and fearful. We are quick to blame and slow to listen. Forgive us. Open our hearts to see others as we want to be seen. Help us be kind and just to one another. May your mercy fill our hearts and heal our strife-torn nation.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart...

Welcome

Blessing the World

Ghana, Nigeria

****Hymn 21**

“Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works”

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 13: 1 – 8

Sermon

“What Large Buildings!”

***Hymn 357**

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel Wesley / arr. Gordon Nevin

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**

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Marche Solennelle”

G.F. Handel

A poet's work is to name the unnamable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world and stop it from falling asleep. **Salman Rushdie**

The trouble with some of us is that we have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keep us from catching the real thing. **Leslie Weatherhead**

The tendency to claim God as an ally for our partisan value and ends is the source of all religious fanaticism. **Reinhold Niebuhr**

It is not the forces of darkness but of shallowness that everywhere threaten the true, and the good, and the beautiful, and that ironically announce themselves as deep and profound.

Ken Wilbur

FLOWERS PLACED BY

Mary Ellen Lloyd
in memory of
Greg Lloyd

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office