

Looking Ahead to Lent

Wednesday, February 22 - Friday, April 7

BROUGHT FORTH IN LOVE

SPC Worship Through the Season of Lent

Our journey through Lent this year invites us to dwell in our “birthright of love” as we wrestle with the human condition: choices and consequences, fear and trust, ignorance and wisdom, heartache and joy.

Worship Planning Team: David Hatchett, Perry Jamieson, Patti McCarthy, Diana Patterson, Debbie Romano.

Created for Community: A Midweek Lenten Series Shepherdstown Community of Churches

Coming together in community with one another,
with the world, with creation, and with God

Join us for Evening Prayer on

Wednesdays at 7:00 through Lent!

March 1-Shepherdstown Presbyterian

March 8- Asbury UMC

March 15-Trinity Episcopal

March 22- New Street UMC

March 29- St Peter's Lutheran



Arise Your Light Is Come!

Connection and Protection in the Light of Love

January 8 - February 19, 2023

As the light of hope emerges from the comfort of darkness, our worship calls us to rekindle the vision of caring, inclusive community.

February 12 (SuperBowl): Then and Now

February 19 (Transfiguration Sunday / Palms to Ashes):

Guest Preacher, Rev. Joel Blunk

Worship Planning Team: Tim Artlip, Diana Eldridge, Ellie Lloyd, Debbie Romano, Rie Wilson

Sunday, February 19, noon, Palms to Ashes (Front Steps):

The second annual SPC “Palms to Ashes” Ceremony invites the congregation to recess from the 11am worship service to the front steps of the church building to support our children and youth transforming last year’s palms to this year’s ashes.

KNOW THAT YOU ARE STARDUST:

An Ash Wednesday Immersion,

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Our traditional imposition of ashes includes contemplative reflection, Taizé-style chanting, and the mystical-yet-literal connection of human mortality with the wisdom of the universe.

Childcare provided!

Prayer for Wholeness

God says:

I give my love to you
who aren't sure what you believe;

I believe in you.

I give you my love
when religion breaks your heart,
for I, not religion, will be your comfort.

I give my love to you who are timid
in the face of a domineering church,

for you belong in my arms.

I give my love to you
who are hungry for more;

I will feed your soul.

I give my love to you
who seek to be loving, not right;
for that is all I ever wanted.

I give my love to you
who don't pretend just to fit in;
you see clearly, don't you?

I give my love to you
who work for peace:
yes, that's my child.

I give my love to you
when people judge you
and kick you out,
for that's pretty much
what it looks like sometimes
to follow Jesus.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

THIS WEEK AT SPC:

February 12 - 18, 2023

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar (FH and Zoom):

Discussion of Brian McLaren's *Do I Stay Christian?*
A Guide for the Doubters, Disappointed and Disillusioned.

TODAY, SouperBowl Sunday (Sanctuary):

Support the SPC youth in a SouperBowl fundraiser
to support local mission projects that address hunger.
Put "Souper-Bowl" on the memo line of your check.

TODAY, 12:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall):

Welcome reception for New Members

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Weekly Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Led by Harry Daniel, retired PC(USA) pastor and biblical scholar
Current focus is on the Gospel of Luke

TEACH THE PREACHER ON HIATUS through Lent.

Plan to resume after Easter on *Wednesday* evenings.

Thursday, Time TBA, Youth Activity (Rams Den)

PASTOR GUSTI ON VACATION,

Monday, February 13 - Sunday, February 19.

Rev. Joel Blunk will serve as Guest Preacher on February 19.

Debbie Romano will be available for pastoral emergencies.