

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.

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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 19 (Transfiguration Sunday / Palms to Ashes):

Guest Preacher, Rev. Joel Blunk

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

TODAY, 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!

Palms to Ashes

The God of Palms and Ashes is with you.

And also with you.

We gather here to turn these palms
from our celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
into ashes
that we may be reminded of our mortality
and our need of God.

Living God,
in their life these palms drew life from the earth
and gave it back to our air
and the animals they hosted and sheltered;
in the worship of our community,
they helped us offer festive joy.
Thank you for these Palms.

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.*

Grant now, O God,
that these palms, reduced to ashes,
may be for us a sign of your power
to purify our hearts,
that we may accept our mortality
and plant our lives in the humble soil
of your truth and grace. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT SPC:

February 19 - 25, 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.

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TODAY, 12:30 p.m. Youth Group, (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 6:30 p.m., Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (FH):

A community of support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit teens and their allies.

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.

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.