

THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC:

February 26 – March 4, 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, 3:00 p.m. This Far By Faith (St. Agnes)

A Lenten Musical Conclusion to Black History Month sponsored
in collaboration with the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

Free Admission

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR NOW

Will Return TBA

TEACH THE PREACHER ON HIATUS through Lent.

Plan to resume after Easter on *Wednesday* evenings.

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room Upstairs)

All voices welcome! Make a joyful noise!

Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00 p.m., MidWeek Lenten Series

This Week Hosted by SPC

This Week's Theme: In Community with Creation

This Week's Preacher: Rev. Karen Erskine Valentine

(Pastor, St. Peter's Lutheran Church)

Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)

Meets the first Thursday of the month

Brought Forth in Love

SPC Worship Through the Season of Lent

February 22 – April 7

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.

February 26: Rooted in Wisdom

March 5: Shade-Keeping

March 12: The Lentiest Lent (COVID Reflections)

March 19: The Soulful Self

March 26: If These Bones Could Talk

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 6: Maundy Thursday

April 7: Good Friday Vigil

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

Prayer for Wisdom

Find the way back
to your heart's own altar.
If God seems absent,
pray and wait. If you
feel forsaken, grow so
still inside that you
can hear the whisper,
"I am with you."
Something is alive in
your tears of longing,
awake in the very places
that feel empty and bereft
of light. Pray, and the day
is different, the sweet taste
of the divine
like water turned
Suddenly to wine.

Eucharistic Prayer

The God of Wisdom is with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the God of Wisdom
Let us be Rooted in the Wisdom of God
It is right to be rooted and grounded in love.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Wisdom has died. Wisdom is risen.
Wisdom will emerge again.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,
transcendent and dwelling within,
root yourself within us
that we may bear good fruit.
Grant us that garden of grace
for which we are created,
forgiven and healed
and fed for each moment.
Root us and ground us
so deeply in your love
that evil cannot hurt us,
or become us.
For your good garden on this earth
is all that we seek,
in all of its glory,
which is yours. Amen.