

God will raise up for you a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15

Praise the LORD!

Psalms 111:1

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:1

He taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are 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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit (2x)

*The light is coming, the light is coming back.
Darkness may reign for a moment,
but the light is coming back.*

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 the Kingdom

***+Hymn 69**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer for Wholeness

Before we speak, God is here,
within us and among us,
knocking at our door.
Living God, open what is closed
that Spirit may come in.
Open our hands, to give, and to greet.
Open our minds
to new truth and
old wisdom.
Open our hearts to new hope
and old assurance.
Open what is closed
that Spirit may come in.

+Response 467, v. 1-2 (2x)

*Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.
Give us life; give us life; give us life, O Lord*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 666, v. 1-2**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Blessing the World

Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta

+Response 842 (2x)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

First Pew

+Response 842 (2x)

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:16-20

Sermon

"Inflection Point"

***Hymn 721**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Service of Ordination and Installation

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The Summons

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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*

***+Sending 853, v. 1, 4**

*We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)
We are marching, we are marching,
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)*

We are singing in the light of God ...

***Postlude**

A strategic inflection point is a time in the life of business when its fundamentals are about to change. **Andrew Grove**

Inflection points come in all forms: positive, negative, easy, hard, obvious, and subtle.

Eric C. Sinoway

We are at an inflection point in history.

Joel Garreau

And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.

Oscar Wilde

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Brian Wren

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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
Fourth Sunday

January 28, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 Mark 1:21–28

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

Monday, January 29

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, January 31

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 1

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

Saturday, February 3

- 10:00 a.m. Deacon Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Sunday, February 4

Isaiah 40:21–31 Psalm 147:1–11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16–23 Mark 1:29–39

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship and Communion Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

The Decision

There is a moment before a shape
hardens, a color sets.
Before the fixative or heat of kiln.
The letter might still be taken
from the mailbox.
The hand held back by the elbow,
the word kept between the larynx pulse
and the amplifying drum-skin of the room's air.
The thorax of an ant is not as narrow.
The green coat on old copper weighs more.
Yet something slips through it —
looks around,
sets out in the new direction, for other lands.
Not into exile, not into hope. Simply changed.
As a sandy track-rut changes when called a Silk Road:
it cannot be after turned back from.

Jane Hirshfield

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is by Ann Zimmerman. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn represents the voice of God and the faithful human response. The Response to the Prayer for Light is a typical bhajan from northern India. The Response to the Declaration pairs a 4th Century Latin text with a 15th Century dance-like tune. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the Taizé community. The mid 20th Century Sermon Hymn emerged from a revival of religious songs in Spain. The late 20th Century Ordination/Installation Response was written for youth involved in the Civil Rights movement. The late 20th Century Sending is a Zulu/Xhosa freedom song.

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