

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

Deuteronomy 30:15

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
Psalms 119:5

We are God's servants, working together.

1 Corinthians 3:9

Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No.'

Matthew 5:37

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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 70**

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.*

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.

Prayer

***+Hymn 37**

"Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer for Wholeness

+Response 729, v. 2, 4

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
Lord I want to be like Jesus ...*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 743 (2x)**

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

Blessing the Nations

Myanmar (aka Burma), Thailand

+Response 486, v. 1-2

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

First Pew

+Response 486, v. 3-4

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 5:21-48, selected verses

Sermon

"Then and Now"

***+Hymn 301, v 1-4**

"Let Us Build a House"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

***+Response 301, v. 5**

"Let Us Build a House"

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

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***Acclamation**

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"

***Postlude**

Difficult times reveal the priorities of our hearts.

Zim Flores

Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Buddha

Explanation separates us from astonishment.

Eugène Ionesco

May grace and truth be not only realities you understand but realities you give to others.

Scott Erikson

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Opening Prayer

Drew E. Jackson

Prayer for Wholeness

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Lesson Translation

Rev. Newquist

Flowers

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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.



Sunday, February 12 • Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Reception - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 14

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Harry Daniel - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 15

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, February 16

- TBA Youth Group at Shepherd's RAMS DEN

Saturday, February 18

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 19 • Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Palms to Ashes Ceremony - SPC front steps - All Invited!
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Fellowship Hall

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Micah 6:8. The early 20th Century Opening Hymn is set to a familiar Welsh folk melody. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness is an African-American spiritual. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is a refrain from a longer song. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a late 20th Century "song of encouragement." The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn and New Member Response was written for a church dedication. The Sending is a late 20th Century Zulu/Xhosa freedom song, originating in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa.

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Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday

February 12, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Sermon Mounted on Decaf, excerpt

The word religion shares its root meaning with the word ligament, meaning that religion is what binds us to the cosmos, from the Greek for world but meaning not only world but beauty—as in cosmetics—and pattern, and order, too. Nor are we bound here with shackles or snares but by the love of the Holy One. Relax. Your navel can center you for finding a peace so purr-fect it will render you an apostle of the Holy One, God's fully empowered ambassador to this the only world we need—and needs our love.

Ed Zahniser

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