

The people became impatient along the way  
**Numbers 21:4**

For his steadfast love endures forever.  
**Psalm 107:1**

Now large crowds were traveling with him;  
**Luke 14:25**

We are what Creator has made  
**Ephesians 2:10**

**Guest Preacher**  
Rev. Dwight McCormick

**Worship Leader**  
Debbie Romano

**Assistant**  
Suellen Myers

**Offertory**  
Handbell Choir

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**Tech Support**  
Mark Nutwell

**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 450, v. 1

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

### 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 Follow

#### \*+Hymn 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

### Prayer for Discipleship

Eternal God our Potter:  
You come to us before we come to you.  
You send your Heart, Jesus Christ, to us,  
before our hearts are turned to you.  
You send your Spirit to us,  
when our spirits wander far from you.  
You set a table for us,  
when our souls are hungry,  
when our hearts are empty.  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
hear us as we pray. Amen

### +Response 450, v. 2

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

#### \*+Response 450, v. 3

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

### Blessing the World

Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

### +Response (2x)

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart.  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

### First Pew

#### +Response (2x)

*I've got the love, love, love, love down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart!  
I've got the love, love, love love, down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

### Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

### Sermon

"Cost of Discipleship"

#### \*Hymn 826

"Lift High the Cross"

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

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### Prayer for Others

### Offering Our Gifts

### Offertory

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

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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 450, v. 4

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

### \*Postlude

We love what we attend.  
**Mwalimu Imara**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Call to Follow**  
Steve Charleston

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

**Prayer for Others**  
Pixie Lighthouse

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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.



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Season of Lent  
Fourth Sunday

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March 10, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, March 10 • Fourth Sunday in Lent • Guest Preacher, Rev. Dwight McCormick**

*Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Social Justice – Exploring SPC’s Roots – 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. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

**Monday, March 11**

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

**Wednesday, March 13**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Grief Meets Grace Service – Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 14**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

**Saturday, March 16**

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 17 • Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Social Justice – Exploring SPC’s Roots – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

**Walk Slowly**

It only takes a reminder to breathe,  
a moment to be still, and just like that,  
something in me settles, softens, makes space  
for imperfection. The harsh voice  
of judgment drops to a whisper and I  
remember again that life isn’t a relay race;  
that we will all cross the finish line.

**Danna Faulds**

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**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit, Response to Prayer for Testing and Tending, Response to Declaration, and Sending is from a 20th Century English poetic version of 10th Century Irish monastic prayer. The Opening Hymn is an African American spiritual. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the early 20th Century Revival Movement. The sermon hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death is transformed into a symbol of new life.

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