

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread? **Isaiah 55:2**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast. **Psalm 63:5**

God is faithful. **1 Corinthians 10:13**

“If it bears fruit next year, well and good.” **Luke 13:9**

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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 467, v. 1-2 (3x)**  
*Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.  
Give us life, give us life; give us life, O Lord.*

**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 Simplicity**  
**\*Response (3x)** (see insert)  
“Tis the Gift to Be Simple”

**Prayer for Simplicity**  
Simplicity  
boils down  
to two steps:  
Identify the essential,  
eliminate the rest.

**+Response 467, v. 4 (3x)**  
*Save us now; save us now; save us now, O Lord.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**  
**+\*Response 467, v.3 (2x)**  
*Grant us peace; grant us peace; grant us peace, O Lord.*

**Blessing the World**  
Djibouti, Somalia

**Response 527, v. 1 (2x)**  
*“Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”*

**First Pew**  
**Response 527, v.1 (2x)**  
*“Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**  
**Interlude**  
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, *by Jason Krug*

**Lesson**  
Matthew 6:19  
*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal.*

**Reflection**  
“Grounded in Simplicity”  
**\*Hymn 713**  
“Touch the Earth Lightly”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**  
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**Litany of Letting Go** (see insert)  
**Eucharistic Prayer** (see insert)  
**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**  
Psalm of Hope *by Andrea Ramsey*  
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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 471**  
*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, her my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:  
God, the wellspring of life.*

Simplicity is the final achievement.  
**Frédéric Chopin**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Call to Simplicity**  
Confucius

**Prayer for Simplicity**  
Leo Babauta

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

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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, March 23 • Third Sunday in Lent**

*Isaiah 55:1–9, Psalm 63:1–8, 1 Corinthians 10:1–13, Luke 13:1–9*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

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

12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

4:00 p.m. Oxfam Hunger Banquet – Shepherdstown Community Club

**Tuesday, March 25**

7:00 p.m. SMA Community Read Discussion – Trinity Episcopal Church & Zoom

**Wednesday, March 26**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Worship – Sanctuary/Hybrid

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

**Thursday, March 27**

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 28**

5:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Weekend at Rolling Ridge

**Saturday, March 29**

10:00 a.m. Mission Justice Collaboration – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Library

2:00 p.m. Support Group Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 30 • Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

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

**SERVICE MUSIC IN LENT:** The Introit, Response to the Prayer for Simplicity, Response to the Declaration, and Communion Response are from a typical northern Indian *bhajan*, a kind of spiritual song praising the attributes of God. The Introduction and Response to First Pew and the Sending are from the Taizé community.

**TODAY'S HYMNS and SERVICE MUSIC:** The late 20th Century Opening Hymn describes why we pray and what we pray for. The Sermon Hymn from New Zealand is based on an Australian Aboriginal saying.

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**Season of Lent**

Third Sunday

**March 23, 2025**

11:00 a.m.

**Nepsis**

Listen in hope for the music of definite starlight

Listen in charity to the cry of a wounded brother

Listen in joy to the dreams of a distant sister

Listen in faith to the silent song of the cloister

Listen in patience to the voice of a single leaf

Listen in humility to the scriptures of the river

Listen in awe to the deep expanse of the desert

Listen in sorrow to the agonies of the city

Listen in reverence to the dust of a country road

Listen in grace to the pulse within the stone

Listen in peace to the dance of the spinning planets

Listen in poverty to the rush of sudden rain

Listen in kindness to the holy slope of the mountain

Listen in purity to the consolation of the moon

Listen in mercy to the miracle of the sun

**Thomas DeFreitas**

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*We Choose Welcome*