

“Mortal, can these bones
live?” **Ezekiel 37:3**

My soul waits for the
LORD. **Psalm 130:6**

The Spirit of God dwells
in you. **Romans 8:9**

“Unbind him, and let him
go.” **John 11:44**

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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 451, v. 1

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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 Collective Care

+Hymn 281

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

Prayer for Wholeness

That the world I was in could be soft,
lovely, and nourishing was more than I
could bear, and so I stood there and
wept, for I didn’t want to love one more
thing that could make my heart break
into a million little pieces at my feet.

+Response 62

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+Response 833, v. 1

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Blessing the Nations

Djibouti, Somalia

+Response 489, v. 1

*Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God’s covenant with us is sealed,
and long before we know or pray, God’s love enfolds us every day.*

First Pew

+Response 489, v. 3

*This child of God, though young or old,
we welcome now into Christ’s fold,
to know with us God’s loving care,
and all our joys and sorrows share.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Prayer for Illumination 451, v. 2

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Exodus 37:1-14

Reflections

“If These Bones Could Talk”

***+Hymn 687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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Blessing

Transgender Day of Visibility

***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 451, v. 3**

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love
with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

***Postlude**

To thrive in life you need
three bones. A wishbone.
A backbone. And a funny
bone. **Reba McEntire**

Sometimes I can hear my
bones straining under the
weight of all the lives I’m
not living.

Jonathan Safran Foer

And in these bones you
will find the remnants of
childish wishes, unspo-
ken truths, broken prom-
ises, caged hopes and
love; insane, painful, lib-
erating love.

The Dreamer

The broken bone, once set
together, is stronger than
ever. **John Lyly**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

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Prayer for Wholeness

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Lesson Translation

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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.



Season of Lent
Fifth Sunday

March 26, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 26 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

8:30 a.m. Early Service 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 1

Wednesday, March 29

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

4:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting - Classroom 1

7:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Series Service - St Peter's Luthern Church

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 2 • Palm/Passion Sunday

Palm: Psalm 118-1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31-9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

8:30 a.m. Early Service 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 1

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center, 215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC NOTES: The late 19th Century Introit, Sung Prayer for Illumination, and Sending Hymn were written and composed by the first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn is a chant from the Taizé community. The late 20th Century Prayer for Wholeness Response summarizes the Great Commandment. The late 19th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a tune composed for the patroness of Scotland. The late 20th Century Response to the Blessing of the World and First Pew was written by a beloved Presbyterian hymn writer (and former mentor of Pastor Gusti!). The late 18th Century Sermon hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 90 set to a tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist. The Communion Response is an 8th Century Latin text set to music from the Taizé community.

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Good Bones

Life is short, though I keep this from my children.

Life is short, and I've shortened mine
in a thousand delicious, ill-advised ways,
a thousand deliciously ill-advised ways

I'll keep from my children. The world is at least
fifty percent terrible, and that's a conservative
estimate, though I keep this from my children.
For every bird there is a stone thrown at a bird.
For every loved child, a child broken, bagged,
sunk in a lake. Life is short and the world
is at least half terrible, and for every kind
stranger, there is one who would break you,
though I keep this from my children. I am trying
to sell them the world. Any decent realtor,
walking you through a real [um ... *dump*] chirps on
about good bones: This place could be beautiful,
right? You could make this place beautiful.

Maggie Smith

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