

We must obey God rather than any human authority.

**Acts 5:29**

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

**Psalms 150:6**

Look! He is coming with the clouds.

**Revelation 1:7**

“Peace be with you.”

**John 20:26**

**Guest Preacher**

Rev. Dwight McCormick

**Assistant**

Mica Martin

**Special Music**

Men’s Quartet

**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 (6x)**

*Christ is risen, alleluia.*

*Love is risen, alleluia.*

**Proclamation**

**Call to Prayer**

**\*Hymn 19**

“God of Great and God of Small”

**A Prayer for Our Earth** (see insert)

**Response 250**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Response 243 (3x)**

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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**Blessing the World**

Botswana, Zimbabwe

**Response 240, refrain (2x)**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**First Pew**

**+Response 240, refrain (2x)**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude (6x)**

*Earth my body, water my blood, air my breath, and fire my spirit.*

**Lesson**

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

**Sermon**

“Many Members, One Body”

**\*Hymn 761**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**\*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

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**\*Sending 246, v. 1, 5**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.*

*The cross stands empty to the sky.*

*Let streets and homes with praises ring.*

*Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

**\*Postlude**

If we build a society based on honoring the earth, we build a society which is sustainable, and has the capacity to support all life forms. **Winona LaDuke**

We should care about the protection of people as much as we care about the protection of our plant. To me, these fights are the same. **Leah Thomas**

When enough people come together, then change will come and we can achieve almost anything. **Greta Thunberg**

There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew. **Marshall McLuhan**

**Call to Prayer**

Robin Wall Kimmerer  
(Potawatami Nation)

**Prayer for Others**

Linda Hogan  
(Chickasaw Nation)

**Sermons & Information**

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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, April 27 • Second Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 5:27–32 Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4–8 John 20:19–31*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of 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

12:00 p.m. Reception in honor of Dwight McCormick

**Monday, April 28**

6:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting – Classroom 2

**Tuesday, April 29**

5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom

**Wednesday, April 30**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

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

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

**Thursday, May 1**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Sanctuary/Hybrid (see below)

6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

**Saturday, May 3**

10:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

**Sunday, May 4 • Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 9:1–6, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11–14, John 21:1–19*

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

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

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

**EARTH SUNDAY MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is an SPC Easter tradition from Zimbabwe. The Opening Hymn is a chant by Laurence Cole based on the writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatami Nation). The Response to the Prayer for the Earth is inspired by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot. The Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé Community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is the refrain of a hymn created in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Interlude is an Earth-based chant. The Sermon Hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity written by a former colleague of Pastor Gusti! The Sending Hymn was written after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. to express an Easter hope in a Good Friday world.

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**Eastertide**

Second Sunday

**April 27, 2025**

11:00 a.m.

**Earth Day**

I am the Earth  
And the Earth is me.  
Each blade of grass,  
Each honey tree,  
Each bit of mud,  
And stick and stone  
Is blood and muscle,  
Skin and bone.  
And just as I  
Need every bit  
Of me to make  
My body fit,  
So Earth needs  
Grass and stone and tree  
And things that grow here  
Naturally.  
That's why we  
Celebrate this day.  
That's why across  
The world we say:  
As long as life,  
As dear, as free,  
I am the Earth  
And the Earth is me.

**Jane Yolen**

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