

They spent much time together in the temple.

**Acts 2:46**

You are with me.

**Psalms 23:4**

You have God's approval.

**1 Peter 2:20**

I came that they may have life.

**John 10:10**

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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 399 (2x)**

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

**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.

**Easter Alleluia**

Where Jesus lives, the great-hearted gather.  
We are a door that's never locked.  
*If you are suffering any kind of pain,  
stay near this door. Open it.*

**\*Hymn 401**

"Here In This Place"

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see insert)

**Kyrie 579**

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison ...  
Kyrie eleison ...*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Alleluia 586 (2x)**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Blessing the World**

Botswana, Zimbabwe

**+Response 188, v.1**

**First Pew**

**+Response 188, v.2**

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Acts 2:42-47

**Sermon**

"We Choose Welcome"

**\*+Hymn 692**

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Prayer for Welcome**

**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 540 (2x)**

*Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!  
Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.*

**\*Postlude**

We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.

**Desmond Tutu**

There is little in life so reassuring as a genuine welcome. **Robin Hobb**

I welcome all creatures of the world with grace.

**Hildegard of Bingen**

We are the shelter of the sacred. **Shiloh Sophia**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Easter Alleluia**

**Prayer for Welcome**

Rumi

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**White Rose**

In Memory of  
Jim Stovall

**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, April 30 • Fourth Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10*

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

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 Class - Classroom 1

4:00 p.m. Peacefest Concert rehearsal - Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, May 2**

10:00 a.m. Safety Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, May 3**

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

### **Thursday, May 4**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Mary Anne Hitt - Speaking at the Byrd Center

### **Sunday, May 7 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

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

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 Class - Classroom 1

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 IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community. The Opening Hymn is a late 20th century prayer of welcome. The Kyrie is a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a Celtic tune. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a mid 19th Century song of faith. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn is set to an Irish melody. The Sending is a Hebrew blessing set to an Israeli melody.

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**Eastertide**  
Fourth Sunday

**April 30, 2023**

11:00 a.m.

### **Prodigal Daughter**

Once, when I came home  
after sixty days on the road,  
my mother said, *Oh -*  
*the prodigal daughter has returned.*

Prodigal, prodigious, prodigy.

In my blood is a way of life.  
Migration and distance bridge the gap  
in our seasonal souls.

Winter camp, summer camps  
kept those villages on the move. ...

I was weary, this last ride home.  
Every fiber ready to surrender.  
Sage and a small courage  
begged my continuance.

There is frost on my doorway,  
and leaves unswept.  
There are miles to dream  
before I meet the morning again.

**Kimberly Wensaut**

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