

Do not remember the former things. **Isaiah 43:18**

The LORD has done great things for us. **Psalms 126:3**

I press on toward the goal. **Philippians 3:14**

Mary took a pound of costly perfume ... anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. **John 12:3**

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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 (2x)
*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 Humility
***Response 70 (2x)**
*What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you? (Repeat)
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God. (Repeat)*

Prayer for Humility (see insert)
+Response 474, refrain (2x)
*As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude
+*Response 467, v.3 (4x)
Grant us peace; grant us peace; grant us peace, O Lord.

Blessing the World
Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda
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
Lesson
Matthew 6:1
*Beware of practicing your righteousness before others
in order to be seen by them.*

Reflection
"Grounded in Humility"
***Response 422 (2x)**
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

THE BREAD OF LIFE
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Eucharistic Prayer (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts
Offertory
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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.*

***Postlude**

Life is a long lesson in humility.
Matthew Barrie

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Call to Humility
Thomas Merton

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, April 6 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b–14 John 12:1–8

- 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
Lite Lunch for New Member Class – Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. New Members Class – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Tuesday, April 8

- 10:00 a.m. Budget & Finance Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom
- 6:15 p.m. Speak Story Series (see below)
- 7:00 p.m. Meet the Author, SMA Event, Bryd Center at Shepherd

Wednesday, April 9

- 3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Worship – Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

- 11:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – upstairs hallway outside choir room

Sunday, April 13 • Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28–40 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 10:50 a.m. Procession of the Palms, Gather on the front steps
- 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 Declaration, and Communion Response are from a typical northern Indian *bhajan*, a kind of spiritual song praising the attributes of God. The Response to the Prayer for Humility is a paraphrase of Psalm 131. The Introduction and Response to First Pew and the Sending are from the Taizé community.

TODAY'S HYMNS: The Opening Hymn is a paraphrase of Micah 6:8. The Sermon Hymn reflects upon Psalm 51.

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Season of Lent
Fifth Sunday

April 6, 2025
11:00 a.m.

The One Great Story

There are so many ways to hold and be held.
Like the way the white and black cat holds my lap
even as I hold her small weight.
Like the way a woman holds a canyon in her heart—
its red rock cliffs and snow-thick spruce—
even as the canyon holds her.
And when I hold silence and offer it my whole attention,
I feel how silence holds me,
cradles me with such profound nothing
it becomes everything.
What if we assume we belong?
Then we might find we are held
by strands of birdsong, by the even beat
of eagle's wings, by the blue moonlight
that reflects off the snow.
I spent so much time worrying
about how to fit in, changing
how I dressed, how I spoke, what I did.
I somehow didn't learn until recently
real belonging asks nothing of me
except I offer myself exactly as I am.
I become more myself when I trust I am held
as much by shadow as by light,
held by the one shared breath, by the one
infinite song, held by soil, held by sky,
held even by the human longing to be held,
held by the one great story
from which our lives cannot be unwritten.

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