

You will receive power.

Acts 1:8

God chose our heritage for us.

Psalm 47:4

I do not cease to give thanks for you.

Ephesians 1:16

He blessed them.

Luke 24:50

Preacher

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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 411 (2x)

*God is here today;
as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

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.

Ascension Affirmation

***+Hymn 733**

"We All Are One in Mission"

Prayer for Loneliness (see insert)

Kyrie 579

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Alleluia 587 (2x)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Brazil

+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

Luke 24:49-53

Sermon

"Never Alone"

***+Hymn 716**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"I Am Not Forgotten"

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Graduate Recognition

***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 547, v. 1**

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

***Postlude**

We feel alone, and in this
we are connected.

Leo Babauta

Loneliness is proof that
your innate search for
connection is intact.

Martha Beck

The soul that sees beauty
may sometimes walk
alone.

Goethe

Ah, look at all the lonely
people.

The Beatles

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Ascension Affirmation

Robert Ardrey

Prayer for Loneliness

Lisel Mueller

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Flowers

Provided by many
generous contributions by
the congregation

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, May 21 • Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Guest Chris Morehouse - 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. Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Sanctuary
First Aid Training at Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 24

- 12:00 p.m. Church Records Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Friday, May 24

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens Steering Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 27

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Treads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 28 • Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The late 20th Century Argentinian Introit is popular throughout Latin America. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn was written by a Lutheran pastor. 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 mid 20th Century Sermon Hymn on stewardship is set to an American shape note tune. The late 20th Century Sending pairs the Aaronic blessing with a Welsh text.

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Eastertide
Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

The House of Belonging

I awoke
this morning
in the gold light
turning this way
and that
thinking for
a moment
it was one
day
like any other. ...

This is the day
you realize
how easily the thread
is broken
between this world
and the next ...

This is the temple
of my adult aloneness
and I belong
to that aloneness
as I belong to my life.
There is no house
like the house of belonging.

David Whyte

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We Choose Welcome