

Consecrate the congregation. **Joel 2:16**

Have mercy on me, O God. **Psalms 51:1**

We entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites.

Matthew 6:5

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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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 450, v. 1

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

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.

Baptismal Blessing

+*Response 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

First Lesson

Joel 2:12-13

+Response 544 (2x)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

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Memory, Light, Joy

Second Lesson

Psalms 51:6-10, selected verses

Response 437 (2x)

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Silence

Third Lesson

Matthew 6:5-6

+Response 471 (2x)

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

Silence

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Reading

Interlude

Fourth Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 21

Reflection

"On Reconciliation"

Response 378

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

Imposition of Ashes

Response 433, refrain

*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.*

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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 450, v. 2**

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

***Postlude**

The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.

Thich Nhat Hanh

If there is to be reconciliation, first there must be truth. **Timothy B. Tyson**

True reconciliation is never cheap, for it is based on forgiveness, which is costly.

Desmond Tutu

Reconciliation is more beautiful than victory.

Violeta Chamorro

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Baptismal Blessing

Christine Valters
Paintner

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.



**“Memory, Light, Joy”
A Transformational Journey Through Lent
Wednesday, February 14 - Saturday, March 30**

As the SPC history project presents its findings on the role of SPC in Shepherdstown and the larger church in the 1800s, our worship will lead us to reflect on the healing power of truth-telling. Striped Skunk, Black Bear, Lake Trout, and Wood Frog continue their journey with us as they emerge into Spring. Axolotl, the Patron Saint of Sunday Studio, will also make an appearance!

February 14, Ash Wednesday
On Reconciliation

February 18, First Sunday in Lent
Tested and Tended

February 25, Second Sunday in Lent
Named and Claimed

March 3, Third Sunday in Lent
The Thousandth Generation

March 10, Fourth Sunday in Lent
TBD

March 13, Grief Meets Grace
Healing Service

March 17, Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jesus Wept

March 24, Palm/Passion Sunday
A Terrible Story That Needs to Be Told

March 28, Maundy Thursday
Setting an Example

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

(To My Mother)

A great star will fall into my lap. . .
We would hold vigil tonight,

Praying in languages
That are carven like harps.

We would be reconciled tonight—
So fully God overwhelms us.

Our hearts are only children,
Eager for weary-sweet slumber.

And our lips would kiss each other,
Why are you fearful?

Does not your heart border upon mine—
Your blood always dyes my cheeks red.

We would be reconciled tonight,
If we clasp each other, we shall not perish.

A great star will fall into my lap.

Else Lasker-Schüler

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