

Listen then, you leaders of nations, heed well, O people of the earth. Serve the Beloved with reverence; bow your heads and embrace Love.

Psalm 2

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there." Then Moses went up on the mountain. A cloud covered the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:12-18

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Matthew 17:5

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:18-19

Worship Leader

Ethel Hornbeck

Reflections

Season Jones

Julia Sandy

Assistants

Evelyn Groff

Trixie Gibbs

Frances Marshall

Organ

Alan Ogden

Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

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 Prayer

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 666**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and Merciful One, You fill us with the light of love. You call us your Beloved. But the noise of the world drowns out your voice. Help us hear you, in the dark and bright times of our lives, on the mountain and in the valley. Free us from fear. Renew us in hope. Transform us with your deep and abiding love, that we might bear your light and love in the world. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

Love the Lord your God with all your soul

Love the Lord your God with all your mind

Love the Lord your God with all that you are

Welcome

Blessing the World

China, Hong Kong and Macau

****Hymn**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

All around the neighborhood...

Parish Life

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HEARING THE WORD

Interlude

"Canzona alla Francese" (1645)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Reading

Reflection

1 Exodus 24:12-18 • Matthew 17:1-9

***Hymn 177** (v. 1, 2)

"I Will Come to You"

Reflection

Matthew 17:1-9

***Hymn 177** (v. 3, 4)

"I Will Come to You"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Christ Upon the Mountain Stands"

Robert Lehman

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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.

***Song of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Peter Scholtes

What some folk call rapture
is a serendipitous capture
of the extraordinary
in the ordinary.

Euonymous

Miracles are nothing other than
God's ordinary truth seen with
surprised eyes. **Gerald May**

Addiction and Grace

This is a wonderful day, I have
never seen this one before.

Maya Angelou

Pay attention not to what you
are, but to that you are.

Cloud of Unknowing

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

To Our Guests

Glad you're 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.

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.



Sun 23 • Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 3)
4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Tue 25

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. FH

Wed 26

6:30 pm. Choir rehearsal. Choir Room
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. Sanctuary

Sat 29

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. FH

PASTOR GUSTI will be taking a continuing education course until **Monday, Feb. 24**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Co-Moderator Debbie Romano.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE. A brief order of prayer, song and silence. Imposition of ashes (on forehead or hand) optional. **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.**

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Mar. 1, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to Perfect-Potluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777.

Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS, March 1, 8, 15. Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet to bring soup or bread in Fellowship Hall & Narthex or contact the office. Program 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey" March 1: Mica Martin & Jim Stovall; March 8: Michael Wisniewski shares his journey on El Camino de Santiago; March 15 in the Fellowship Hall: Adrienne Asam & Larry Neumark.

Sun 1 • First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 4)
12:15p.m. More Light committee. CR 1
5:00 p.m. Community Dinner. Charles Town
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup & bread supper. FH
6:15 p.m. "Notes from my spiritual journey." Sanctuary

COLDWEATHER SHELTER AT SPC March 7-14.

Overnight guests arrive 7 p.m., leave 7 a.m. Volunteers needed in two separate efforts: overnight stays and morning meals. At least one man and one woman is needed each night. Contact Paul Hodder phodder@frontiernet.net if you can help. Volunteers also needed to cook a hot breakfast in the mornings. Contact Cathy Cross at 304-876-2412 or catcross@frontiernet.net to volunteer.

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Donations will be split between humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects) 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries. (JCCM) and 25% to Good Shepherd (GSIVC). Checks to SPC: memo: OGHs.

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL (CBS) 2020 is looking for 1-2 people from each church to help plan this summers CBS, which will take place July 6-11, at Asbury United Methodist Church. If you can help, contact Pastor Pam Boomer from Asbury UMC pboomer@4pillarchurch.org or 304-876-3112.

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020
11:00 a.m.

WITNESS

Sometimes the mountain
is hidden from me in veils
of cloud, sometimes
I am hidden from the mountain
in veils of inattention, apathy, fatigue,
when I forget or refuse to go
down to the shore or a few yards
up the road, on a clear day,
to reconfirm
that witnessing presence.

Denise Levertov

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