

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (809, v. 1 & 4)

“Why has God forsaken me?” cried our Savior from the cross
as he shared the loneliness of our deepest grief and loss.
Mystery shrouds our life and death but we need not be afraid,
for the mystery’s heart is love,
God’s great love which Christ displayed.

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 7**

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Soften our touch, O God:
for your creation suffers from warring and pollution
and your people reach out for help and solace
Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom
Until we become like You fashioners of justice and love
Hands open for peace and benediction
Gathering blessing and flourishing life for all. Amen.

Kyrie 2x

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.
God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today.
O, deep in my I heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

Blessing the World

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

Hymn (177, refrain) 2x

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 121:8

For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:3

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.”

Matthew 4:1-11

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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.

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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***Hymn 3**

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

“Sarabande” (Suite 10)

Georg Boehm

Lesson

John 3:1-10

Sermon

“Saving Paradise”

***Hymn 493**

“Now There Is No Male or Female”

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

G. Toole

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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 Song**

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God’s own jubilee!
Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Through the Night”

Thomas Williams

Lent comes providentially to re-awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

Pope Francis

You were born a child of light’s wonderful secret – you return to the beauty you have always been.

Aberjhani

If you shun the transient things of this world and devote yourself to serving God wholeheartedly, God will place you right where you are meant to be.

Michael Bassey Johnson

The phoenix must burn to emerge.

Janet Fitch

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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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.



Sun 8 • Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Begins

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 5)

5:30 p.m. Lenten soup & bread supper. FH

6:15 p.m. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey."
Sanctuary

Tue 10

7:00 pm. Adult Ed. CR 1

Wed 11

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Thu 12

4:30 p.m. Safety committee. FH

7:00 p.m. Session. FH

LITURGICAL ART IN LENT invites us to pray with "The God Who Suffers." Use this Season through April 10) as an opportunity to offer our own suffering to the God who wishes to heal us; or to contemplate the suffering of others and discern God's call for us to respond; or to consider the suffering of the climate and commit to transforming our way of life together.

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS, March 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 at 6:15 p.m. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey." March 8 in the Sanctuary: Michael Wisniewski shares his journey on El Camino de Santiago; March 15 in the Fellowship Hall: Adrienne Asam & Larry Neumark. It helps the kitchen crew if you bring your own bowl, cup and spoon.

EASTER OFFERING Pick up fish boxes in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex. They will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 5. The offering OGHS (One Great Hour

Sat 7-Fri 13: Coldweather Shelter at SPC

Sat 14

6:00 p.m. Movable Feast supper group.

Hosted by Mary Bell

Sun 15 • Third Sunday in Lent

Ex. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 6)

12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee.
CR 1

5:30 p.m. Lenten soup & bread supper. FH

6:15 p.m. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey."
FH

of Sharing) will be shared: 50% to 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. Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHS.

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9, 7:30 p.m. Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table.

PRAYER VIGIL to follow at 9:00 p.m. until noon Good Friday. Sign up in Narthex & Fellowship Hall.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, April 12. Gather at 6:30 a.m. Informal service at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring a chair and gather on the grass area below the monument. Also, bring a reading, poem, or song. Bring light breakfast foods or fruit to share at the nearby home of Becky Phipps.

EASTER SERVICES: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion.

Season of Lent

Second Sunday

March 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.

But someone,
please give me –
who is born again
but still so much in need
of being born anew –
give me the details
of how to live
in the waiting cocoon
before the forever begins?

Ann Voskamp

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