

When you pass through
the waters, I will be with
you. **Isaiah 2**

The voice of the LORD is
over the waters. **Psalms 29:3**

Then Peter and John laid
their hands on them, and
they received the Holy
Spirit. **Acts 8:17**

He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and with
fire. **Luke 3:16**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.*

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.

Prayer

Response

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Prayer for Wholeness

Blessed river,
speak to me of stillness and change.
As your path caresses
the skin of the earth,
may I also dance
over, through, and around
the obstacles in my life.
As your gentle strength and insistence
carves the hardest stone,
may I also know the value
of holding my course.
May I flow calmly
and leap skyward in joy.
Whisper your stories
to my dreaming heart,
and sing songs of the land
to my awakened mind.
Sweet River,
please carry me home.
Amen.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Alleluia

Blessing the World

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

First Pew From a Distance

+Response

*These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus' name.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2

Luke 3:21-22

Sermon

“Nothing Less Than Beautiful”

*+Response 375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Baptismal Blessing

Baptismal Serenade

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

*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

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A drop of water, if it could
write out its own history,
would explain the universe
to us. **Lucy Larcom**

Nothing is softer or more
flexible than water, yet
nothing can resist it.

Lao Tzu

Water carries our thoughts
and prayers, as you are
water yourself. No matter
where you are, your
prayers will be carried to
the rest of the world.

Dr. Emoto

All water is holy water.

Rajiv Joseph

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Opening Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi

Lessons Translation

Gusti Linnea Newquist

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, January 9 • Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

Tuesday, January 11

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices via Zoom

Thursday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, January 15

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast via Zoom

Sunday, January 16 • Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 ARE READY FOR PICK UP AT THE CHURCH.

A table has been set up in the Fellowship Hall for 2022 at your convenience.

SPC IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE. www.Shepherdstown-presbyterian.org go to GIVE and put IRSC/DORA/PANCHO in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TEACH THE PREACHER. Teach the Preacher will resume on January 11, 2022.

YARNS AND THREADS GROUP. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 29, 2022 in the Fellowship hall at SPC. from 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. We hope to see everybody then!

SPC MONTHLY HYMN SING CANCELLED UNTIL SPRING. We will resume our monthly first-Sunday Hymn Sings in May, when the weather allows us to sing outdoors.

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Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Water

Here and Now

I evoke the elemental force of Water,
the fluid of infinite shapes and forms.

Flowing source of adaptability, emotion, and life,

I seek the pure spring within

that I might drink deep of

change, relationship, nourishment, & grace.

I call you forth to wash away

all that needlessly binds

and to move fluidly in this world.

Ocean & River

Ripple & Rain

Water, I call thee hence.

Tricia Bowman

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