

Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

Exodus 34:29b

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity. **Psalm 99:4a**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4:1

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Luke 9:35

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Hazel Hitt
Mary Anne Hitt

Song Leaders

Lois Butcher
Bill Rule
Leslie Williams

Men's Quartet

Tim Artlip
John Landolt
Mark Pullen
Bill Rule

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit

1 x Piano introduction
2 x Song Leaders sing
3 x Song Leaders sing; Congregation hums
4 x All hum

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on 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.

Call to Transfiguration

Response

Spirit of the living God ...

Prayer for Wholeness

God who knows our name,
Give us the strength and the courage to name injustices
In the world, in this society, and in our own life.
Grant us new vision to see your work here on earth.
Grant us new ears to hear the voices of all your children.
As we learn, grow, and are fed in your spirit,
Lead us to new understanding and compassion.
Help us speak the truth of your righteousness

In all that we say and do.

In the name of the One who named
justice in his life and resurrection, we pray,

Amen.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Alleluia**

Blessing the World

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:17 – 4:2

Sermon

"Conscience and Forbearance"

***+Response 74**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

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

Spirit of the living God ...

Palms to Ashes

Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

In matters of conscience, the law of majority has no place.

Mahatma Gandhi

A supposed enemy is more valuable than a friend, for an enemy teaches you things, such as forbearance, that a friend generally does not.

Dalai Lama

There are three signs of a knowledgeable person: knowledge, forbearance and silence.

Ali Ibn Abi Talib

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Eucharistic Prayer

*Advocacy as Discipleship:
A People Called to Witness*

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Flowers

Provided by Rie Wilson
In Loving Memory of her
sister Marda Wilson

White Rose

In Memory of
Our Beloved
John King

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, February 27 • Transfiguration of the Lord

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

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

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

12:15 p.m. Palms to Ashes on the front steps of SPC

Tuesday, March 1

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

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

Wednesday, March 2 • Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2; Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

7:00 p.m. "Baptized Dust" Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Thursday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Gathering via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Parish Care Committee - via Zoom

Friday, March 4 • National Day of Prayer

9:00 a.m. Friday Painters - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer

Saturday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherd's Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, March 6 • First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

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

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded) Ashes on the front

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class via Zoom

PALMS TO ASHES, Sunday, February 27, immediately following 11am worship. Join Pastor Gusti in a ceremonial burning of last year's Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Especially for children and youth, but open to all ages. (Fire safety precautions will be observed.)

"BAPTIZED DUST," ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. Enter the Season of Lent in prayerful contemplation and humble acknowledgment of our mortality with a baptismal renewal and the imposition of ashes. Children and Youth especially encouraged to attend.

SESSION DISCERNING SUPPORT FOR BUILD BACK BETTER ACT, congregational feedback welcomed. Because of its provisions for children in poverty, childcare and elder care, black lung disability, clean energy, housing, food programs, and health care, the Social Justice Committee has asked Session to endorse a resolution urging both WV Senators to vote for the Build Back Better Act. Comments may be directed to Dave Smith, Clerk of Session: clerk@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. Background material available at: <https://shepherdstownpresbyterian.org/news-media/news/session-considering-support-build-back-better-act>

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 27,, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Dazzling

Believe me, I know how tempting it is to remain inside this blessing, to linger where everything is dazzling and clear.

We could build walls around this,
put a roof over it.
We could bring in a table, some chairs
and have the most amazing meals.
We could make a home.
We could stay.

But this blessing is meant for leaving.
For coming down the mountain, to be in motion
to travel with you as you return to level ground.

It will seem strange how quiet this blessing becomes
when it returns to earth.
It is not shy or afraid.
It simply knows how to bide its time, to watch and wait,
to discern and pray

Until the moment comes when it will reveal
everything it knows,
when it will shine forth with all it has seen,
when it will dazzle with the unforgettable light
you have carried all this way.

Jan Richardson

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