

What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Micah 6:8**

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? **Psalms 15:1**

Consider your own call, siblings.

1 Corinthians 1:26

Jesus began to speak and taught them.

Matthew 5:2

Preacher

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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. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 70 (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.

A Blessing

***+Hymn 479**

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Prayer for Wholeness

Barefoot daring
to walk
amid
the thrashing eye-glitter
of what remains
when the tide
retreats
we ask ourselves
why did it matter
so much
to have the last
word?
Or any
word?
Here, please—
take what
remains.
It is yours.

+Response 729, v. 2, 4

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 743**

“O God, You Are My God”

Blessing the Nations

Germany, France

+Response 486, v. 1-2

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

First Pew

+Response 486, v. 3-4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

“Blessing and Gratitude”

***+Hymn 312**

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

***Hymn 726, v. 5**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Dear Lord and God of Humankind”

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***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 853**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

***Postlude**

A blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal, and strengthen.

John O'Donahue

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around.

Willie Nelson

Don't just count your blessings. Be the blessing other people count on.

Anonymous

She closed one eye and looked at me and said, “I know there is a blessing in this somewhere.”

Marilynne Robinson

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Blessing

Lucille Clifton

Prayer for Wholeness

Joyce Carol Oates

Lessons Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Prayer for Others

Carol Holbrook Prickett,
adapted

Flowers

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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.



Sunday, January 29 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall & Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 2

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 4

- 10:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Meeting - Fellowship hall/Hybrid
- 1:00 p.m. Session Budget Meeting until 4 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 5 • Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall & Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:15 p.m. Welcome Reception for Dr. Steven Grives - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town, WV

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Micah 6:8. The Opening Hymn is a late 20th Century reflection in the imagery of baptism. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness is an African-American spiritual. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is a refrain from a longer song. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a late 20th Century “song of encouragement.” The Sermon Hymn is a late 20th Century Lord’s Supper text that can also be applied to the baptismal blessing of God. The Sending is a late 20th Century Zulu/Xhosa freedom song, originating in a Methodist young men’s group in South Africa.

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Blessing for the Seekers

Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky,
who open your arms to feel the wind,
who notice all the things that we should notice.
Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder
and familiar with awe.
Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams,
who have not lost hope,
who swear the glass is still half-full.
Blessed are you who plant trees
and sing the harmony,
who tell the children how this world can be magic.
Blessed are you who
walk and seek
and turn over every stone,
pointing out all the corners and colors
that God lives in.
Blessed are you. Amen

David Haun

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We Choose Welcome*