

Your light shall break forth like the dawn. **Isaiah 58:8**

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

Psalm 112:4

We have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

You are the light of the world. **Matthew 5:14**

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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.

In Praise of Darkness

***+Hymn 314**

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Prayer for Illumination

We are born seekers,
calling strange names into the darkness
from our earliest days
because we know we are not meant to be alone,
and because we know that we await someone
whom we cannot always see.

+Response 729, v. 2, 4

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.*

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord I want to be like Jesus ...

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 743**

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Blessing the Nations

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra,
Monaco and San Marino

+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, 14-16

Sermon

"An Upright Light"

+Hymn 467

"Give Us Light"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

+Hymn 842

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Brighter Day"

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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 v. 1,4**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***Postlude**

There is a reason the sky gets darker at night - we were not meant to see everything all the time.

Morgan Harper Nichols

When you light up others' path, your own path gets lightened up as well.

Alka Girdhar

As I sit down today to light the *diyas*, my soul questions me, if it can borrow some light too.

Sweta Swagatika

Thousands upon thousands of lights is inferior to a light of the heart.

Buddha

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

In Praise of Darkness

@BlackLiturgies

Prayer for Illumination

Barbara Brown Taylor

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

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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.



Ordinary Time
Fifth Sunday

February 5, 2023
11:00 a.m.

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 with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Welcome Reception for Dr. Steven Grives - Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Gathering - Classroom 1
New Member Class - Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town, WV

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

Thursday, February 9

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 12 • Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Micah 6:8. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn marries imagery from the Sermon on the Mount with the promise of Christ to be light for the world. 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 Response, originally written in Hindi, adapts the ancient form of a bhajan: a spiritual song praising the attributes of God. The Communion Response is from the Taizé Community. 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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The Coming of Light

Even this late it happens:
the coming of love, the coming of light.
You wake and the candles are lit as if by themselves.
stars gather, dreams pour into your pillows,
sending up warm bouquets of air.
Even this late the bones of the body shine
and tomorrow's dust flares into breath.

Mark Strand

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