

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 25

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Ordination & Installation – Sanctuary / Zoom

12:30 p.m. Reception for Newly Ordained Leaders – Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Wednesday, January 28

11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, January 31

11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life: Peter Smith – Sanctuary / Zoom
Reception following service – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads – Library area upstairs

Sunday, February 1

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

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

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday

January 25, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Working Together, *excerpt*

We shape our self
to fit this world

and by the world
are shaped again.

The visible
and the invisible

working together
in common cause,

to produce
the miraculous.

David Whyte

SERVICE MUSIC TODAY: The Introit uses baptismal imagery to pray for renewal and transformation. The Kyrie, Alleluia, and Sending are traditional liturgical texts. The 21st Century Introduction and Response to First Pew begins each stanza with a facet of our baptismal identity.

TODAY'S HYMNS: The Opening and Sermon Hymn was written for a church dedication, describing the building as a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome*

The yoke of their burden
... you have broken.
Isaiah 9:4

Now my head is lifted up.
Psalm 27:6

Be knit together ... in the
same purpose.
1 Corinthians 1:10

Immediately they left
their nets and followed
him. **Matthew 4:20**

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Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Lynne Wiseman

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Percussion
Terry Tucker

Tech Support
Mark Nutwell

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 (2x)

*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

***Hymn 301, v. 1-2**
"Let Us Build a House"

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+Kyrie 575 (2x)

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+***Alleluia 587 (2x)**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the Nations

Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;
into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Sermon

"Sabbath as Practice: Shared Leadership"

***Hymn 301, v. 3-4**
"Let Us Build a House"

*THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Ordination and Installation of Congregational Leaders

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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Celebration of Ministry

*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 (2x)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*Postlude

Leadership is the capacity
to translate vision into
reality. **Warren Bennis**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
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Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you join us together as one body in Christ.

Sabbath is Our Practice: Shared Leadership.

You give many gifts, but one Spirit.

Sabbath is Our Practice: Shared Leadership.

You call us to serve in love, as Christ has served us.

Sabbath is Our Practice: Shared Leadership.

Sung Response 575 (2x)

*Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SABBATICAL TRANSITION

Pastor Mary Jane has arrived in Shepherdstown and will be shadowing Pastor Gusti through the end of January. Please include her on all communications with Pastor Gusti:

maryjane@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

TODAY is Pastor Gusti's last Sunday preaching. She will assist Pastor Mary Jane in worship on February 1 and worship in the pews with the congregation on February 8.

Pastor Gusti will conclude pastoral care responsibilities on January 31. Pastor Mary Jane will begin preaching on February 1 and leading worship in its entirety on February 8.

A reception to welcome Mary Jane and send off Pastor Gusti will take place on February 8 immediately following the second service.

Pastor Mary Jane will pick up pastoral care responsibilities on February 1. Pastor Gusti will shadow Pastor Mary Jane through February 14 to ensure a smooth transition.

THE CHURCH

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B[♭] C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B[♭] F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B[♭]

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

THE CHURCH

Refrain

Musical score for "THE CHURCH" with lyrics and chords. The score consists of two staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The first staff features a melody line with chords: (D) F, (G) B^b, (F#7) A7, (Bm) Dm, (Em) Gm, (Bm) Dm. The second staff continues the melody with chords: (F#m) Am, (Em) Gm, (D) F, (Em) Gm, (A7) C7, (D) F, (G) B^b, (D) F. The lyrics are as follows:

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.