

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.



“Everything in Between”
SPC Worship through the season of Lent 2026

Our journey through the season of Lent this year invites us to explore the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each week we will explore two concepts that are often considered to be in opposition to one another. As we explore them through the lens of scripture, we find nuance and complexity. This Lent, we’re trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.

First Sunday in Lent, February 22
“Between Stranger and Neighbor”

Second Sunday in Lent, March 1
“Between Faith and Works”

Third Sunday in Lent, March 8
“Between Rest and Growth”

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15
“Between Lost and Found”

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22
“Between Righteousness and Mercy”

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29
“Between Shouting and Silence”

Maundy Thursday, April 2
“Between Power and Humility”

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Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Both, Please

It’s one thing to speak of love. It’s another
to hold a newborn in your arms,
to sing someone to sleep,
to lean down and listen for their breathing.

It’s one thing to speak of faith. It’s another
to press your forehead to the floor,
to cry out in prayer,
to ask the hard questions and still
thank God for the meal.

It’s one thing to speak of the Divine. It’s another
to walk under a tunnel of wisteria,
to stand barefoot at the edge of the sea,
to hear the birds sing as the sun returns
and whisper, *Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

It’s one thing and another, so I pray,
Give me both, please. Show me both, please.

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We Choose Welcome

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart,
Joel 2:12a

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. **Psalm 1a**

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
Matthew 6:6

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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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (3x)
*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

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.

Baptismal Blessing

***Hymn 177**
“You are Mine”

First Lesson
Joel 2:12-13

Response 544 (2x)
*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

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Second Lesson
Psalm 51:6-10, selected verses

Response 437 (2x)
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Silence

Third Lesson
Matthew 6:5-6

+Response 471 (2x)
*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

Silence

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Reading

Interlude
“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Fourth Lesson
Luke 9:51-62

Reflection
“Between Intention and Action”

Hymn 726
“The Summons”

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Imposition of Ashes

Response 433, refrain
*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own*

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***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 Hymn 488 (2x)**
*Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.*

***Postlude**

The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.
Thich Nhat Hanh

Living with intention means saying no to the things that aren’t important so we can say yes to what matters most.
Crystal Paine

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.
Kahlil Gibran

Reconciliation is more beautiful than victory.
Violeta Chamorro

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

A D A E

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All A D E

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.

Refrain

F#m7 D Esus E

I have called you each by name.

A D E

Come and fol - low me, I will bring you

F#m F#m7 D Esus E A E

home; I love you and you are mine."

D E A E D E

to Stanzas Last time A

4 "I

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.