

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 15

Exodus 24-12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Ordination & Installation – Sanctuary / Zoom
Palms to Ashes Litany – Front Steps of Church Building
- 12:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Reception for Pastor Gusit – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 17

- 5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 18

- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday, February 22 • First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom
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- 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs

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 worshipping community.

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Ordinary Time
Sixth Sunday

February 15, 2026
11:00 a.m.

An excerpt from The Prophet

. . . all work is empty save where there is love;
and when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself,
and to one another, and to God.

And what is it to work with love?

It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart,
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.

It is to build a house with affection,
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.

It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy, even as if
your beloved were to eat the fruit.

It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit,
and to know that all the blessed dead are standing about you and watching.

Khalil Gibran

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We Choose Welcome

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

Ephesians 4:1

Now I appeal to you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Preacher
Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

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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 (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 Wholeness

Holy One, you join us together as one body in Christ.
Knit together in shared leadership.
You give many gifts, but one Spirit.
Knit together in shared leadership.
You call us to serve in love, as Christ has served us.
Knit together in shared leadership.

+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!

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the Nations
Myanmar (aka Burma), Thailand

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
“Knit Together”

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

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Ordination and Installation of Leaders

Response 301, v. 5
“Let Us Build a House”

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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Celebration of Ministry

Sabbatical Blessing

Palms to Ashes
***Recessional Hymn, refrain**
*Sign us with ashes, merciful God,
children of dust, as to dust we return.
Sign us with ashes, merciful Gd.
Mark us and make us your own.*

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

Warren Bennis

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^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^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^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.