

*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, March 1 • Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 12:1-4a; 3:1-7 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Luke 10:38-42*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs
- 5:00 p.m. Communiy Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

### **Wednesday, March 4**

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

### **Thursday, March 5**

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Meck, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

### **Saturday, March 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

### **Sunday, March 8 • Third Sunday in Lent**

*Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 Luke 10:?*

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**TODAY'S HYMNS:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" was written by Harry Emerson Fosdick and was sung at the 1930 opening of Riverside Church in New York City where he served as pastor. "Together We Serve" was commissioned for the centennial of First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

#### **SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Season of Lent**

Second Sunday

**March 1, 2026**

11:00 a.m.

### **An Excerpt from The Prophet**

And an old priest said, Speak to us of Religion.

And he said:

Have I spoken this day of aught else?

Is not religion all deeds and all reflection,

And that which is neither deed nor reflection,

but a wonder and a surprise ever springing in the soul,  
even while the hand hew the stone or tend the loom?

Who can separate his faith from his actions,

or his belief from his occupations?

Who can spread his hours before him, saying,

"This for God and this for myself"

This for my soul, and this other for my body?"

Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

Whenever you enter into it take with you your all.

**Kahlil Gibran**

#### **SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Established 1743*

*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion*

*We Choose Welcome*

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed – indeed only one.” **Luke 10:41b-42a**

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous I God’s sight but the doers of the law who will be justified. **Romans 2:13**

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. **James 2:17**

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. **1 John 3:18**

**Preacher**  
Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

**Assistants**  
Maya & Nora Snook-Robello  
Chris Morehouse

**Choir Director**  
Sheila Melendez

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**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 399 (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.

### Remembering our Baptism

**\*Hymn 307**  
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**Prayer for Wholeness**  
God of Grace,  
We long to do the “right” thing.  
We long to make the “right” choice.  
We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.  
In our earnestness,  
we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.  
In our earnestness,  
we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.  
Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.  
Show us how to act with grace and love, over anything else.  
For even more than our desire to be right,  
we desire to follow Jesus.  
Show us the way, we pray. Amen.

**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.*

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

**\*Response 523, refrain (2x)**  
*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

### \*Passing the Peace

**Blessing the Nations**  
China

### Response 487, v. 1

*These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow;  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

### First Pew

**Response 487, v. 5**  
*Then, tender God, each child embrace;  
God give them blessings, grant them grace  
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,  
and gently guide them to your will.*

### Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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### Reading

### Interlude

**Lesson**  
Luke 10:38-42

**Sermon**  
“Between Faith & Action”

**\*Hymn 767**  
“Together We Serve”

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

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### Memorial Moment

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Offering Our Gifts

**Offertory**  
“Walk Humbly with Your God,” by Robert J. Powell

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

She who says, “I didn’t understand” is not stupid.  
**Swahili proverb**

Do the difficult things  
while they are easy and do  
the great things while they  
are small. A journey of a  
thousand miles must begin  
with a single step. **Laozi**

Faith is not so much something  
we believe; faith is  
something we live.  
**Joseph B. Wirthlin**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

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## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:  
*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

At this table we taste your never-ending hope,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has come.*  
*Christ is with us.*  
*Christ will be all in all.*

Holy One, Giver of Life, we praise you.  
Your realm of justice and delight come near;  
Your loving will be done in all lands.  
Give us today our Bread for the Journey,  
enough for all to feast and then rest.  
Free us from our striving and our hoarding,  
as we seek to free those wounded and wearied  
by an unforgiving system.  
Save us from the tyranny of endless toil,  
and deliver us from tyrannical power.  
For yours is the rhythm, and the mercy, and the joy,  
now and forever. Amen.

## Sung Response

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.*  
*Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

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# Easter Lily

I would like to provide a Lily to help decorate the sanctuary during the Easter Season. (\$15 Each)

\_\_\_ How Many?

\_\_\_ I will pick up my Lily on or after April 5.

\_\_\_ Please give my Lily to someone.

Given by:

In Memory of (optional):

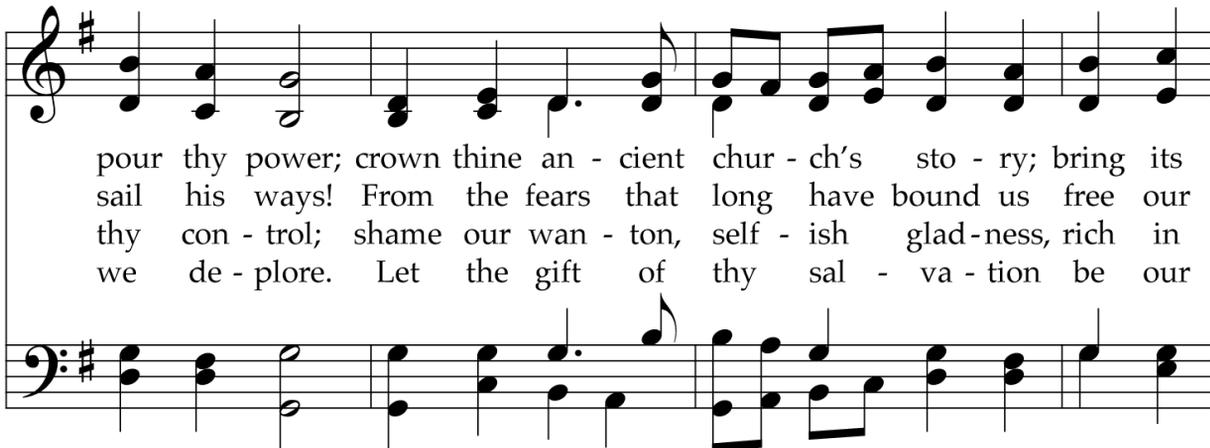
In Honor of (optional):

Include cash/check (\$15 each) to SPC with this form and place in offering plate or mail by **March 15** to: SPC, P. O. Box 268, Shepherdstown WV 25443

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



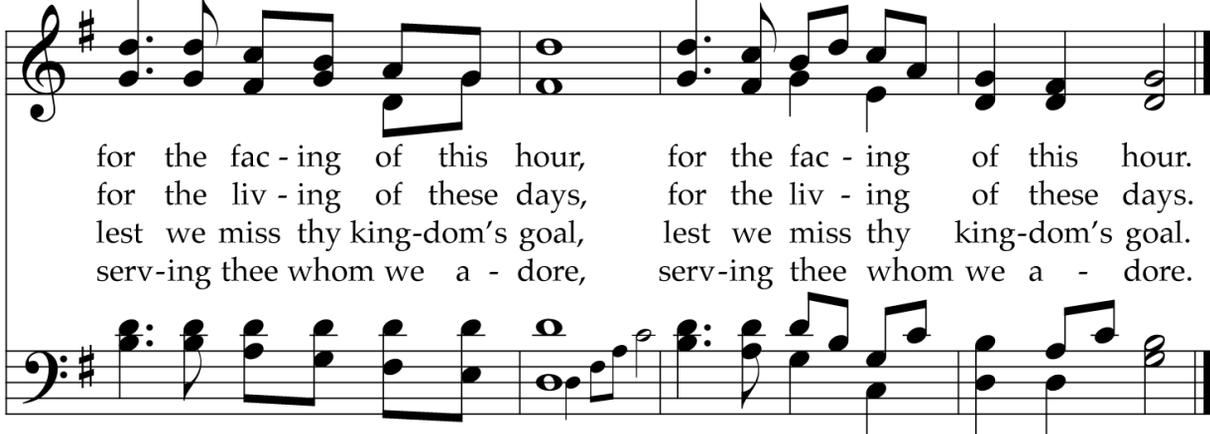
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

# Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F E<sup>b</sup> Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm F7 B<sup>b</sup>

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

## **COMMUNITY MEAL HAS A VERY BIG NEED**

A meal is served in Jefferson County **EVERY DAY.**

SPC provides this meal on the first Sunday of every month,  
at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town.

This time in 2025 we were serving 40-50 meals. This month  
we served 70 people who needed a meal.

### **WE NEED HELP!**

Community Meal can be as easy as you want to make it.

The QR code below takes you right to Perfect Pot Luck  
signup: You can choose to buy a bag of oranges, or a box of  
cupcakes or make a casserole or cook a ham. The sign-up  
sheet lets you choose. After that, all you need to do is have  
your contribution at the SPC kitchen door by 4 pm on  
Sunday. You can leave it there early in the fridge or deliver  
in a frantic drive by.

It's really that easy. Email Connie Ross at  
rossjc316@gmail.com Or go to the links below to participate  
on March 1. <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals>.



# Look & See

What do you see in the art?  
How does the art make you feel?



**LUKE 10:38-42**  
Mary & Martha host Jesus  
**MAIN IDEA:** There are many ways to be close to God.

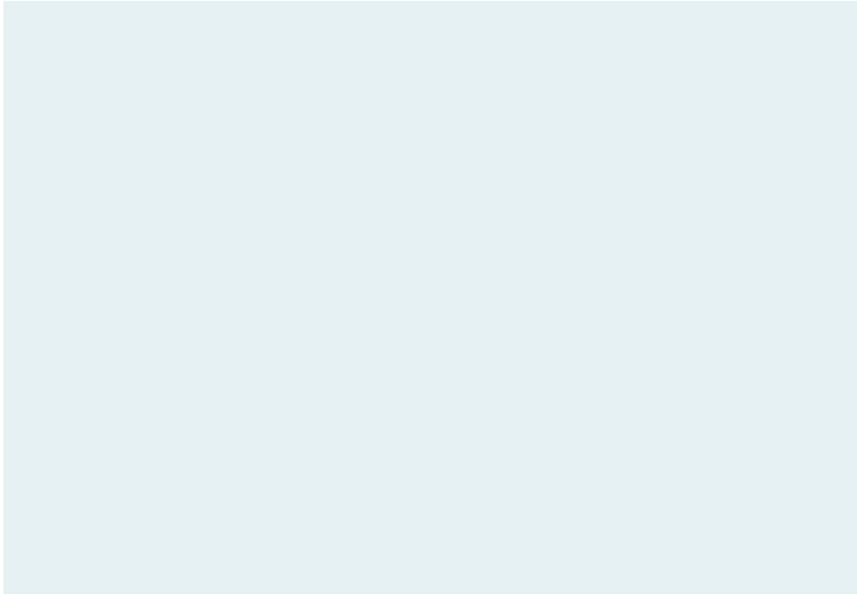


Mary & Martha | Lauren Wright Pittman  
Digital painting



Color in the story of Mary & Martha. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

**Draw** Draw a picture of you being close to God.



**Color** Color the things that help us be close to God.



**Find** Find the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship. Words can be vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and they can overlap each other.

I L F S L U O M C M S J Y L C  
 S E E K T E T A S E I K G D O  
 K M E A Z D R R S G S O I D H  
 S Y T O W E L Y N D T J Z E E  
 A D E N E T S I L E E T E R L  
 T P D Q V V V D G M R Q I E P  
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| <b>ANSWERED</b>   | <b>FEET</b>     | <b>MARY</b>   | <b>TAKEN</b>    |
| <b>ASKED</b>      | <b>HELP</b>     | <b>NAMED</b>  | <b>TASKS</b>    |
| <b>CARE</b>       | <b>LISTENED</b> | <b>PART</b>   | <b>THINGS</b>   |
| <b>CHOSEN</b>     | <b>MANY</b>     | <b>SAT</b>    | <b>WELCOMED</b> |
| <b>DISTRACTED</b> | <b>MARTHA</b>   | <b>SISTER</b> | <b>WORK</b>     |

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**Pray**

Dear God, thank you for making each of us unique so we can all show our love for you in our own way. Help us to show love to others, too, in every way we can. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.