

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, April 26 • Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Ezekiel 34:7-15 Psalm 100 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

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

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group at SPC until 2:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Autism Acceptance Workshop Fellowship Hall / Zoom

2:15 p.m. Youth Group at Shepherd Game Room until 4:15 p.m.

Monday, April 27

7:00 p.m. Special Called Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

Office Hours 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Safe Gun Desposal Event –
Shepherdstown Fire Hall

Sunday, May 3 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

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

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall / Downstairs

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Eastertide
Fourth Sunday

April 26, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Psalm 23, Paraphrase

Shepherd me, Love.
Lead me out from my attachments.
Lead me to the green meadow of your heart,
the calm, clear stream of your peace and nourishment.
Fill me with your breath again,
breath of your Spirit.
Lead me in your way,
not mine,
even through darkest canyons
shadowed by death,
for your presence is my safety,
your will my comfort.
You invite me to your table with my enemies
to share with them your grace:
gift that overflows,
blessing that makes life beautiful.
Lead me where goodness and mercy go;
then on every road
I will still be at home in you.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **Psalm 116:12**

I came that they might have life and have it abundantly. **John 10:10b**

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **1 Peter 2:25**

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1**

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- Assistants**
Lois Wilkinson
Diane Kradel
- 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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Easter Proclamation

Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

Introit (3x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

Please join me in our 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 19**

“God of Great and God of Small”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 243 (3x)**

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Malawi, Zambia

Response 250, v. 1

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!*
*In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

First Pew

Response 250, v.3

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sermon

“Abundant Life”

***Hymn 803**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Guns to Gardens Blessing

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“The Lord is My Shepherd,” *arr. James Kirby*

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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 246, v. 1, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.*

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

Julian of Norwich

The glory of God is a human being fully alive.

Irenaeus of Lyons

Abundance is not something we acquire. It is something we tune into.

Wayne Dyer

What you have, give. What you are, become.

St. Francis of Assisi

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

Guns to Gardens Blessing

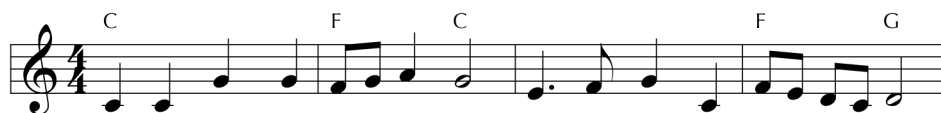
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Sermons & Information

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God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;

In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy Shepherd,
You call us by name,
yet we confess that we do not always listen.
We hurry past Your voice,
distracted by our own worries and wants.
We follow paths that leave us weary,
forgetting that You lead us toward rest and renewal.

You offer us abundance,
but we cling to scarcity.
You invite us into community,
but too often we choose what feels safe and familiar.
You seek the lost and the lonely,
but we confess the ways we overlook
those who need compassion most.

Gather us in Your mercy.
Find us when we wander.
Lift us when we stumble.
Restore us when we feel worn thin.
Teach us again to trust Your goodness,
to walk in Your ways,
and to share Your love with a world longing for care.

Amen.

Vote for a Quote!

Please choose the quote you feel best represents
SPC's journey from past to present to future,
which will be displayed across the face of the balcony
to join the two sides of our timeline.

Send your vote to Donna Dettling at donna.dettling@gmail.com

- 🍏 "Building a Church that reflects God's Heart" – Michael Adee, More Light Presbyterians
- 🍏 "beherenownowbeherebeherenownowbehere..."
- 🍏 "The past becomes the bridge, the present the sacred crossing, and the future the unfolding." (Unknown)
- 🍏 "The past prepares the way, the present is the prayer, and the future unfolds in trust." (Unknown)
- 🍏 "To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven" - Lyrics Pete Seeger and based on Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)
- 🍏 "Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church
Opening up, Opening Wider and Opening Fully, to Light, Love, Kindness and Compassion
for All God's Creatures, Great and Small" (with lotus flower in 3 stages of opening)
- 🍏 "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher.
- 🍏 "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." – Rose Kennedy
- 🍏 "Memories, sweetened through the ages just like wine." - Mac Davis, songwriter
- 🍏 "The dream is not the destination but the journey." –Diane Sawyer

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GUNS TO GARDENS

A Safe Gun Disposal Event

Unwanted Firearms Are Made into Garden Tools

**Please Bring Unwanted Firearms to
Shepherdstown Fire Department
8052 Martinsburg Pike, Shepherdstown, WV
Saturday, May 2, 2026, 1 - 3:30 pm**

*Guns are carefully
dismantled on site*



Guns must be:

- Unloaded
- Stored in car trunk or back end of vehicle
- In working order

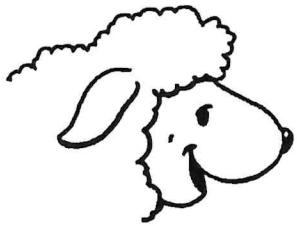
You will receive thank you gift cards to local grocery stores:

- \$50 per handgun
- \$100 per rifle/shotgun
- \$200 per semiautomatic



For Further Information:
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guns2gardens@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

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Find John 10:9. Follow the arrows through the letters.

W	O	E	V	E
E	H	G	R	E
T	A	E	E	N
M	T	H	R	T
A	H	T	S	H
I	R	U	G	M
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L	B	T	D	E

Tracing practice with arrows and a diamond containing the letter 'D'.

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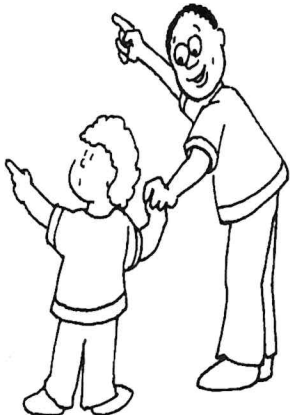
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Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

April 26, 2026 • John 10:1-10

The Good Shepherd

Jesus told His followers a story.

Connect the dots and read part of the story.

1 I
2 tell
3 you
4 the
5
6 truth,
7 the
8 man
9
10 who
11 does
12
13
14
15
16 not
17 enter
18 the
19 sheep
20 pen
21 by
22 the
23 gate,
24
25 but
26 climbs
27 in
28
29 by
30
31 some
32
33 other
34 way,
35 is
36 a
37 thief
38
39 and
40 a
41 robber.

Imagine *Imagine a time when someone you don't like needs help. Write or draw about what you would do.*

Draw *Draw a picture of you being kind to someone or someone being kind to you.*

Color *Color the things that help us heal when we are hurt.*

