

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.



Resurrection of the Lord Sunday • April 5

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Luke 24:1-12

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service – Morgan’s Grove Park pavilion

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

No Sunday Studio - Nursery is available for children under 5

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

Thursday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall / Hybrid

Friday, April 10

5:00 p.m. Sing-a-long for the Animals – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12 • Second Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 Psalm 111:1 1Peter 1:3 John 20:19-31

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

12:30 p.m. Autism Acceptance Event – Fellowship Hall

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Easter

Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

In the Direction of Hope

I am on my way.
Wait for me in the garden;
I will be there soon.

I’m not the fastest runner,
Lord knows that,
but these legs are moving.

I suppose I could blame my weary spirit for my slow speed.
I could blame the grief I’ve shoved into my pockets and
laid around my neck.
I could blame my own hesitation to hope,
a hesitation that clings like mud.

But I don’t know that Jesus cares about my speed.
So tell God when you see them –
I am on my way.
Wait for me in the garden.
I will be there soon.

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Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.”

Luke 24:5

“Peace be with you.”

John 20:26

They left the tomb quickly with reverence and great joy.

Matthew 28:8

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

I Corinthians 15:26

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Pianist

Sam Jannotta

Organist

Jayne O’Hara

Trumpeter

Than Hitt

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.

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” *George J. Elvey arr. Judy East Wells*

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

† † †

Proclamation

Christ Is Risen! *Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

Introit (6x)

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

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 236**

“The Strife is O’er”

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

Eritrea, Ethiopia

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

† † †

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

“Between Grief & Hope”

***Hymn 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Shine on Me,” *arr. Rollo Dilworth*

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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.

***Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune,” *John Stanley arr. S. Drummond Wolff*

A peacemaker receives a wound. **Yoruba proverb**

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul. **Emily Dickinson**

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

Every morning we are born again. What we do today is what matters most.

attributed to **the Buddha**

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.

...

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response 243

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

Songs for All Creatures

An Evening of

Songs for All Creatures Great and Small
led by Terry Tucker

SPC Fellowship Hall, Friday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

After a pizza supper, we will sing. These songs are
for adults, children and everyone in-between.
Song booklets will be provided.

Donations of cash or needed items*
will be accepted to benefit
the Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society

Bring the whole family, your neighbors and friends

*Gift Cards {Walmart, Pet Smart, etc.}
Purina One Cat and Dog food, Purina One Healthy Puppy and
Kitten Food, Canned cat and kitten food,
Cat and Dog toys [except rope toys], scratching posts,
paper towels, liquid bleach, liquid laundry detergent,
Dawn dish soap, disposable gloves [M, L, XL],
13 & 50 gallon, trash bags, Lysol, heating pads.

Temporary foster homes for cats and kittens
are also needed.

Easter Lilies 2026

Given By:

In Loving Memory of . . .

Cheryl Pullen

Mark Pullen

Jolene Jarrell

Airlene Jarrell

Julie Slonaker

Jessie Gleason

Linda Kelso

Jim Price

Stephen Willingham

Claire Stuart,

Rebekkah Willingham

Ray & Merry Morgan

Our parents

Rie Wilson

My Family

Jeananne & Colin Stine

Our Parents

Missy Wheeler & Jim Siegel

Our Mothers:

Barbara O'Connor &

Florence Siegel

Diana Eldridge

Bill Eldridge

Eva Moore

Cari Simon

Georgia Jeppeson

Mr. William (Bill) Ashforth

Dr. Mark A. Benedict

Carol Wood

All the companions animal's

that have blessed our lives!

Ethlyn Nelson McDonald

Siri McDonald

Catherine & Jeff, Sam &

Adelaide, Feaga and

Jackie & Andy Clark

The Hitt Family

Robin Foote, Jay Clark

John and Marie Peine

Given By:

In Honor of . . .

SPC Staff

Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

Lynne Wiseman & Tess England

Prayer for Wholeness

Risen Christ,
on this morning when light breaks open the shadows,
let your resurrection find its way into every place
where we feel fractured or weary.

Roll back the stones we cannot move.
Speak peace into the rooms of our hearts
that still hold fear.
Breathe your new life
into the corners of our spirits
that have forgotten how to hope.

Let the joy of this day
take root in us—
let us rejoice that nothing is beyond your mending
and no one is beyond your love.

Risen One,
make us people of resurrection:
carriers of compassion,
bearers of justice,
witnesses to the wholeness
you are still bringing into the world.
Amen.

The Strife Is O'er

236

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Draw Draw a picture of you feeling joyful, or angry, or sad.

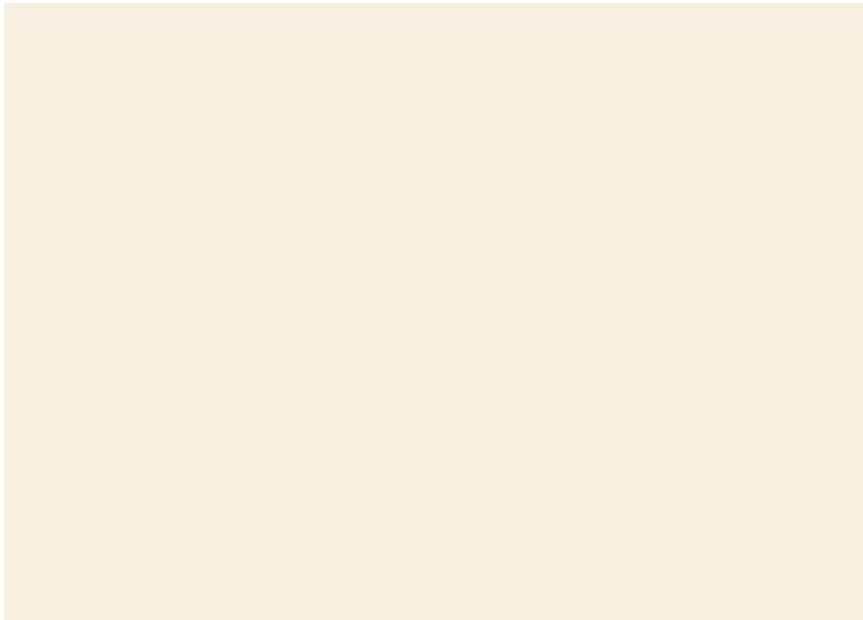


LUKE 24:1-12
Peter runs to the empty tomb.
MAIN IDEA: God made all our feelings.



Color in the story of Peter and the empty tomb. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

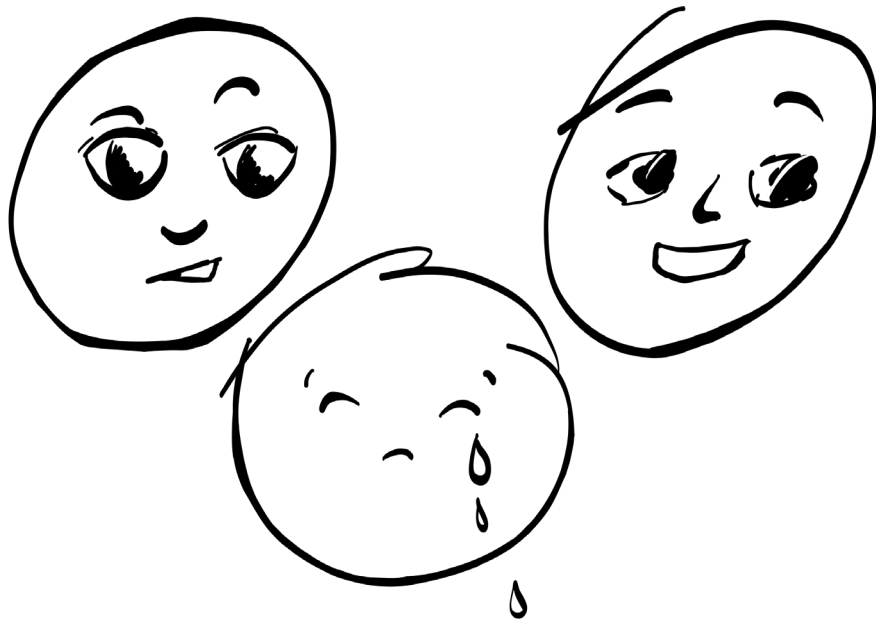
Imagine *Imagine you are one of the disciples who learns that Jesus is not in the tomb. Write or draw about how you would react.*



Find *Color the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship.*

TOMB WORDS MEN
MARY DAY TOLD
MOTHER WOMEN
DAWN AMAZED
FACES BELIEVED
CRUCIFIED LINS
RAN HAPPENED
LIVING PETER
SPICES RISEN
THIRD PERPLEXED
DAZZLING STONE
HANDS BOWED

Color *Color the emotions that you felt today so far!*



Pray

Dear God, thank you for giving us hope when it feels like everything is going wrong. Help us to be gentle with ourselves, no matter what we're feeling, and to be there for others when they need us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.