

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, May 10 • Sixth Sunday of Eastertide • Graduate Recognition Sunday

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

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

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

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

Nursery is available for children under age 5, no Sunday Studio

12:15 p.m. Graduate Reception – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 12

Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Timeline Team Meeting – Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 16

7:30 p.m. Renatum Choral Concert – SPC Sanctuary

Sunday, May 17 • Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

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

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

12:00 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor Mary Jane's office

80th Birthday Celebration for Cheryl Pullen – Fellowship Hall

Eastertide

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 10, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Psalm 139, Paraphrase

You know us, Lord.

Through the beginnings of our lives,
you've known us.

You know the things that are too much for us.

You know everything we do
and everything we are.

You are everywhere with us, Lord.

You guide us, Lord,

Through the hard times

And confusion of our ever-changing lives.

Through the important stages of life like graduation,
even when we feel like there is nothing for us,
you are there.

You created us, Lord, in our mother's womb.

You see all of us,

our similarities and differences.

You are always with us

and always will be.

Sophia Tuzzio

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O Lord, it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **Psalms 139:13**

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

Be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God. **Romans 12:2**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. **John 15:5**

Worship Leaders

Rev. Mary Jane Hitt
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

Graduate Reflections

Mason Brown
Jillian Dillow

Worship Assistants

Adalyn Norman
Evelyn Bailey
Mileur Bailey
Joel Dillow
Hazel Hitt
Michael Joyce
Luca Tuzzio
Sophia Tuzzio

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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Graduation Easter Proclamation

Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

Call to Worship (see insert)

Introit (3x)

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 250**

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 609**

Praise God, from who all blessing flow.
Praise God, from who all blessing flow.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully know: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

Response 701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.*

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

First Pew

Response 701 (see above)

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lessons

Jeremiah 1:4-9; Philippians 1:3-6

Graduate Reflections

***Hymn 29**

"O God You Search Me"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Commissioning of Graduates

Blanket Wrapping Ceremony

Graduate Recognition

Prayer of Blessing for all Graduates

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Universal Sound," Tyler Childers

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***Final Charge to Graduates**

Go into the world knowing this:

You are loved.

You are called.

And you do not go alone.

Sending 547, v. 1, 3

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.*

*Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled
you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

Take forgiveness, take a prayer, take the deepest breath, and take the answers in your heart. When you wake up and the world is cruel and cold, my love follows you where you go.

Alison Krauss

Courage is the one thing no one can take away from you.

Chris Colfer

Realms of this life have been closed and no understanding can be learned.

RoseAnn V. Shawiak

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Red roses honoring graduates

Mason Brown, Jillian Dillow,
William Gibbs, Isabella Tuzzio

Psalms 139, Paraphrase

Sophia Tuzzio

Prayer for Wholeness

Evelyn and Mileur Bailey

Liturgy for the day:

Written and selected by Youth Members along with Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

White Rose in Memory of

John Mason

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Before we were born, God knew us.

All: Before we found our way, God called us.

One: When we are uncertain, God speaks.

All: When we are afraid, God goes with us.

One: We gather to worship the One who creates, calls, and sends.

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer for Wholeness

God, you show up in our lives
before we feel ready for anything.
You send us before we feel brave.
You ask us to trust you even when
we have no idea what's coming next.
A lot of the time, we hesitate.

We say, "I'm not smart enough,"
"I'm not old enough,"
"There are better people than me."
We second-guess the gifts you have given us
and shrink back from doing what is right –
loving people well, standing up for justice,
showing mercy, living out our faith.

Forgive us, God.
Help us to see that we do not need to know everything,
but that it will come in time.
Give us the words when we don't know what to say,
the courage when we feel unsure,
and your Spirit in everything we do.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

O God, You Search Me

(Psalm 139)

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1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

Graduating from college undergrad and graduate school:

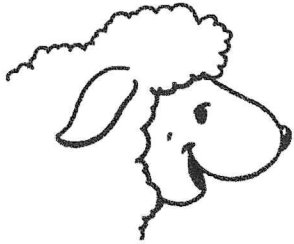
- **Kevin Baker Jr**, son of Season and Kelley Jones, with an Associates from NASCAR Technical Institute and the Mercedes Drive Program
- **Skylar Benedict**, son of Georgia Jeppesen, with a PhD from University of Arizona
- **Katherine Rose Borchard**, granddaughter of Dave Borchard, with a Bachelor of science from University of Maryland College Park
- **Ethan Thomas Hobbs**, grandson of Pat Donogoe, with a Bachelor of Arts from University of Maryland College Park
- **Addison Lloyd**, granddaughter of Mary Ellen Lloyd, with a Bachelor of Science from Chatham University in Pittsburgh
- **Mabel Patchell**, child of Heidi Dobish and Don Patchell, with an Associates of Arts from Hagerstown Community College
- **Max Patchell**, child of Heidi Dobish and Don Patchell, with an Associates of Science from Hagerstown Community College
- **Isabella Marie Tuzzio**, with a Pre-Med Bachelor of Science from West Virginia University

And our beloved seminarian:

- **Deborah Romano**, with a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

High School Graduate Recognition

- **Mason Thomas Brown**, from Jefferson High School /James Rumsey Technical School Fire and Rescue certification
- **Liam Corrigan**, grandson of Bill and Mary Jane Hitt, from Berlin High School in Ohio
- **Jillian Marie Dillow**, from Jefferson High School
- **William James Gibbs**, from Jefferson High School
- **Mason Guest**, grandson of Patti McCarthy, from Spring Mills High School
- **Cora Grace Wilkinson**, from Jefferson High School



Jesus shared a message about love.



Jesus said, "They who have My commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them."

Find the underlined words in the puzzle below.

They may be found: → ← ↓ ↑ ↖ ↗ ↘ ↙

C	L	B	D	F	O	Q	R	C	J	B	K
M	O	R	E	H	T	A	F	N	P	Q	R
W	V	M	Z	E	B	D	J	K	L	L	P
H	E	W	M	R	D	K	C	B	R	A	J
Z	D	Q	F	A	W	I	L	L	P	E	H
D	F	S	J	L	N	N	M	A	Q	V	S
T	W	Z	U	O	V	D	B	E	C	E	K
Q	M	R	H	S	M	P	M	U	Z	R	W
C	D	W	A	E	E	Y	M	E	K	P	R
D	V	I	H	D	S	J	S	R	N	H	P
L	D	T	P	E	E	K	R	E	H	T	R
B	V	M	L	E	S	O	H	T	R	K	S
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Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

May 10, 2026 • John 14:15-21

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

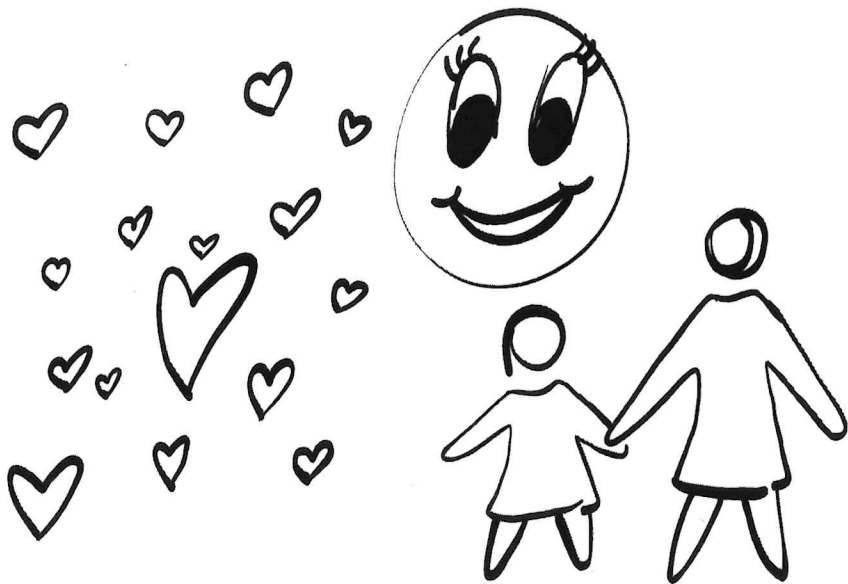
Jesus said God would send a Helper to be with us all the time.

Find a path through the maze for the dove, which symbolizes this special Helper sent by God.

The maze puzzle is a rectangular grid with a complex path of walls. At the top left corner, there is a simple line drawing of a dove. At the bottom right corner, there is a line drawing of three men with beards and long hair, representing Jesus and his apostles. The goal is to trace a path from the dove to the men.

Draw Draw a picture of you belonging in your church.

Color Color the things that help us belong.



Draw Draw a picture of you when you were little.

Color Color the things that help us grow.

