

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, June 21

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

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

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

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

Saturday, June 27

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 28

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

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

12:00 p.m. Farewell Reception Honoring Mary Jane Hitt – Fellowship Hall

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Twelfth Sunday
Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026
11:00 a.m.

A Modern Version of the Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor ...
not the penniless
but those whose heart is free.

Blessed are those who mourn ...
not those who whimper
but those who raise their voices.

Blessed are the meek ...
not the soft
but those who are patient and tolerant.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice ...
not those who whine
but those who struggle.

Blessed are the merciful ...
not those who forget
but those who forgive.

Blessed are the pure in heart ...
not those who act like angels
but those whose life is transparent.

Blessed are the peacemakers ...
not those who shun conflict
but those who face it squarely.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice ...
not because they suffer
but because they love.

Theology of Work Project

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Established 1743
Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome

And God heard the voice of the boy. **Genesis 21:17**

Show me a sign of your favor. **Psalm 86:17**

We also might walk in new-ness of life. **Romans 6:4**

“Those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”
 Matthew 10:39

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Sheila Melendez

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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 (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 19**
“God of Great and God of Small”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response 551 (2x)
*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 609**
*Praise God, from who all blessing flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World
Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

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
Matthew 5:1-2, 11

Sermon
“A Sabbatical Blessing”

***Hymn 172**
“Blest Are They”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Peace Like a River,” arr. Joel Raney

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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 306, v. 1, 5**
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

***Postlude**

A person does not have an understanding of the religion of Islam until he thinks of a hardship as being a blessing, and comfort and luxury as being a tribulation.
 Sufyan al-Thawri

*Please rise in body and spirit.

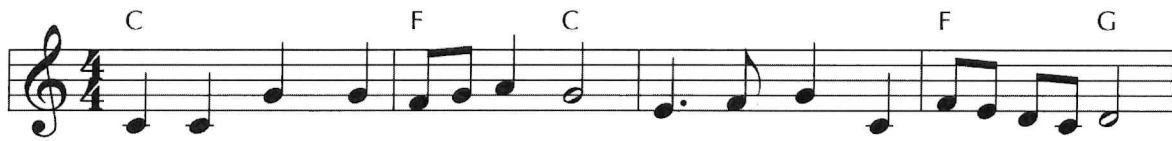
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White Rose
In Memory of Chris Mark

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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.

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious and loving God,
we carry worries we were never meant to bear.
We cling to control rather than trusting your care.
We measure ourselves by our accomplishments,
our productivity, and the expectations of others,
forgetting that our worth is found in your love alone.
We confess that we place heavy burdens
on ourselves those around us.
We have been impatient when we could have been kind,
judgmental when we could have shown grace,
and anxious when we could have rested in your promises.
Forgive us, O God.
Teach us again the way of Christ—
gentle and humble in heart.
Help us to lay down what weighs us down
and to take up the yoke of discipleship,
trusting that you walk beside us,
bearing our burdens and leading us into life.



Blest Are They

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Gsus Leader or All *G D C*

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.