

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church
Home Worship Kit

Season of Lent
Fifth Sunday

March 29, 2009
11:00am

Pre-Worship Preparation

1. Space

We encourage you to set aside a specific space in your home for both communal and personal/family worship. This may be any space from an entire room or simply a chair. You may also wish to set aside a space for "First Pew."

Some items that may make this space special for your family include:

- a. a purple cloth, reflecting the Season of Lent
- b. a cross or some other symbol of faith
- c. a Bible or some other spiritual reading material
- d. a bowl of water, representing the font
- e. agape meal elements (see below for more information)
- f. a small globe or map
- g. a candle
- h. a small plate in which to place an offering
- i. freshly cut flowers
- j. fish box for One Great Hour of Sharing donations

2. Worship Materials

This Sunday's worship materials include:

- a. Bulletin
- b. Scripture Lesson, including discussion questions
- c. Children's Worship Bulletin

3. Agape Meal

While we are not able to continue the SPC practice of celebrating communion throughout the Season of Lent, we encourage our community to participate in an Agape Meal together. Prepare simple elements that will allow us to "commune" with one another via social media. These elements may include bread and water, if you have them, or some other elements that are common to your daily life.

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4. Offering

We encourage you to continue the practice of offering time, talent, and treasure in response to our common worship as a thanksgiving to God, a commitment to our congregation, and an act of engaged compassion in a hurting world.

Offerings to SPC may be made online at: www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org (check the upper right corner for the “Give” button)

Offerings to SPC may be also be mailed to the church office at: PO Box 268, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

We also encourage you to make offerings to other organizations that provide direct service to human need in this season.

Another option is to make an “offering of hope,” using anything from flowers to birdseed or any other small gift to remind us that we are inter-connected with all of creation. Share your offering with your family, friends, or neighbors. Be creative! And share with Pastor Gusti the results of your offering!

Gathering for Worship

Arrive in your Worship Space a few minutes before 11am, making sure all is prepared and your technology is functioning. “Check in” on Facebook, if you like. You may wish to review the “Discussion Questions” from the Scripture Lesson. You may wish to pray silently.

**If anyone is need of Pastoral Care,
please contact Pastor Gusti at 518/390-3929 or
Debbie Romano at 304/876-9964.**