

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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Hymn 726 (v. 2-4)

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of my integrity, in whom knowledge of truth and passion for justice are one; my heart was sentimental and you cleansed it with your rigorous mercy; my thoughts were rigid and you engaged them with your compassionate mind. Heal my fragmented soul; teach my naivety; confront my laziness; and inflame my longing to know your loving discernment and live out your active love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Blessing the World

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

**Hymn 486 (v. 1 & 4)

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

First Pew

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights,
Isaiah 42:1a

The voice of the Beloved is upon the waters;
Love's voice echoes over the oceans and seas.
Psalm 29:3

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
Acts 10:39a

And a voice from heaven said,
“This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:17

Pastor

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Hazel Hitt
Gino Santacroce
Carol Wood

Organ

Alan Ogden

To Our Guests

Glad you're 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.

Welcome and Parish Life

*Hymn 69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

“On Being “Called””

*Hymn 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

Response

How could anyone ever tell you,
You were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you, You were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice, That your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul?

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Ruling Elders

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

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*Credo

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.

*Response

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
Send me, Jesus; send me, Lord
Lead me...
Send me...

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

When something is a vocation,
you don't really make a decision
about it. **Cate Blanchett**

No matter how Useful we may
be, sometimes it takes us a while
to recognize our own value.

Benjamin Hoff *The Tao of Pooh*

What if we discover that our
present way of life is irreconcilable
with our vocation to become
fully human? **Paolo Freire**

You owe it to all of us to get on
with what you're good at.

W. H. Auden

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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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.



Sun 12 • Baptism of the Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship and Ordination of Ruling Elders and Deacons

3:00 p.m. Installation service for Pastor Gusti, followed by reception in the Fellowship Hall

Wed. 15

10:15 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices. Upstairs library

7:30 pm. Choir rehearsal. Choir Room

Thu 16

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

7:00 p.m. Worship committee. Classroom No. 1

Sat 18

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 19 • Second Sunday of Ordinary Time / Martin Luther King Weekend

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Immigration & Refugee committee. Classroom No. 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor Gusti, **January 12, 3:00 p.m.** "Installation" is the formal act of Shenandoah Presbytery to establish a pastoral relationship. The installation service completes the call process and formally establishes the ministry of the new teaching elder. All members of the congregation, interested community members, as well as Gusti's family and friends are invited to attend this very special occasion in the life of the church. A reception will follow the installation service. Childcare available.

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES. This month's theme is "Passage Meditation via the Prayer of St. Francis" & *Come from Away* (Broadway Musical). **Wednesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.** in the SPC library.

SUNDAY SEMINARS *Race Privilege and Faith.* This semester we will be continuing our conversations around racism that have been ongoing for the last several years. Among other things, we will explore together Jennifer Harvey's book, *Dear White Christians.* We will begin with an introductory conversation **January 19, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

WINTER RETREAT DAY *Cultivating Hope.* **January 31, 9:30-3:30,** Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center, Sharpsburg, MD, led by Trish Stefanik. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch) or pay what you can. Contact the office to register. We will gather at Shepherd's Spring at 9:00 a.m. The retreat will start at 9:30 a.m.

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Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Ordination of Ruling Elders and Deacons

January 12, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Vocation

It comes from the Latin *vocare*, to call, and means the work a person is called to by God.

There are all different kinds of voices calling you to all different kinds of work, and the problem is to find out which is the voice of God rather than of Society, say, or the Superego, or Self-Interest.

By and large a good rule for finding out is this: The kind of work God calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

Frederick Buechner

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