

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light.
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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 10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of mystery and majesty, your voice shakes the wilderness
and strips the forest bare. Strip us of pretensions, denials and
delusions for we have ignored your call and wandered far
from you. We have followed voices that lead to death and
destruction. Help us be still, and learn to hear your voice. Lead
us on the path of peace and teach us the way of love.

Silence

Kyrie (2x)

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

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Doxology (607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Ireland, United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **Isaiah 43:2**

The voice of the Beloved breaks the bonds of oppression, shatters the chains of injustice. Love invites all to the dance of freedom, to sing the Beloved's song of truth. **Psalms 29** (Merrill)

When Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **Acts 8:15-16**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Assistants

Gino Santacroce

William Gibbs

Melinda Schmitt

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.

**Hymn 664

“Morning Has Broken”

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sermon

“Remind Me Again Who I Am”

***Hymn 688** (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Go Tell It Where I Send Thee”
Traditional/arr. Pepper Choplin

Affirmation

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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 (2x)

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christians are told at Baptism we are sons and daughters of God. It takes the rest of our lives to believe our Baptism. We don't have to earn our place; we already have it. **Richard Rohr**

The seed of God is in us. Now the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree. And a hazel seed grows into a hazel tree. A seed of God grows into God.

Meister Eckart

I am a hole in a flute that the Christ's breath moves through.

Hafiz

What lies before us
and what lies beyond us
is tiny compared to
what lies within us.

Henry David Thoreau

Flowers placed today by
the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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sign up in office

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur.

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 13 • Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Confirmation. CR 1
12:15 p.m. Finance committee. CR 1

Tue 15

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. CR1
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 16

2:00 p.m. Spanish class. FH
7:00 p.m. Listening Group. Balcony
7:00 p.m. Session. FH

Thu 17

10:00 a.m. Listening Group. CR 1

Fri 18

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group. FH. Hosted
by Chris Duewel & Ed Zahniser

Sat 19

7:00 a.m. Men's breakfast. FH

Sun 20 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

FUNDRAISER to support the youth mission trip to Baltimore (March 8-10) after each service on **January 20**. Brunch style refreshments and silent auction.

SUNDAY SEMINARS will begin this year with a two part screening of the excellent 2017 documentary *Gender Revolution*, an indepth and personal exploration of our evolving understanding of gender identity. **January 20 and 27**. Starting in February we will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing* devoted to the topic, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Rohr writes "Anger can actually be an expression of compassion, a willingness to uphold boundaries that are sacred or stand up for someone who is being oppressed." Fellowship Hall @ 9:45. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING will be back January 27 (the last Sunday of the month) upstairs in the choir room. Join us for a solid hour of singing hymns with good tunes and inspiring lyrics: gospel, old-time and new.

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

11:00 a.m.

THE JOURNEY

One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice--
though the whole house began to tremble
and you felt the old tug at your ankles.

"Mend my life!" each voice cried. But you didn't stop.
You knew what you had to do, though the wind pried
with its stiff fingers at the very foundations,
though their melancholy was terrible.

It was already late enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen branches and stones.
But little by little, as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds,

and there was a new voice which you slowly
recognized as your own, that kept you company
as you strode deeper and deeper into the world,
determined to do the only thing you could do--
determined to save the only life you could save.

Mary Oliver

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