

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. We cultivate a holistic spirituality that, while rooted in the Christian faith, welcomes the wisdom of all faith traditions. We are a house of prayer and a school of love, seeking to serve the world in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.



Sun 14 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
12:00 p.m. Music committee. Choir Room
12:30 p.m. Finance committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

Tue 16

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 17

3:00 p.m. Strategic planning committee meeting. Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Thu 18

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1
4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Sat 20

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

Sun 21 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
12:15 p.m. Immigration committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS: Beginning Feb. 4, Sunday services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SEMINAR Begins Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Jesus taught under the shadow of the Roman Empire. Yet even as the Empire exalted the rich and powerful, Jesus preached that the truly blessed are the poor, the hungry, and the weeping. How might we respond if we discover that our churches have more in common with the Empire than with the truly blessed? This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege & faith. Books are in the office, \$10 or pay what you can.

EXPLORING JUSTICE film series continues Wednesday, Jan. 24 with *Get Out*. This nuanced film is a clever and

thoughtful look at the myth of a post-racial America. Dovetailing with our ongoing conversations about race, privilege and faith, it also lays the groundwork for the February forum with Jessica Vasquez Torres about dismantling systemic racial barriers (see details in Weekend Forum). Receiving much award buzz *Get Out* will be shown beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **WEEKEND FORUM** with Jessica Vasquez Torres and Crossroads Anti Racism Organizing and Training. February 16-18. This weekend will offer multiple opportunities to gather together and explore ways that systemic racism creates barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice, in our lives, and in institutions, especially the church. Clear your calendars, and stay tuned for more information.

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Ordinary Time

Second Sunday

January 14, 2018

10:45 a.m.

This hour in history needs

a dedicated circle of transformed nonconformists.

Our planet teeters on the brink of atomic annihilation;
dangerous passions of pride, hatred,
and selfishness are enthroned in our lives;
truth lies prostrate on the rugged hills of nameless calvaries;
and men do reverence before false gods
of nationalism and materialism.

The saving of our world from pending doom
will come, not through

**the complacent adjustment of the conforming majority,
but through the creative maladjustment
of a nonconforming minority...**

I confess that I never intend to become adjusted to the evils of segregation and the crippling effects of discrimination, to the moral degeneracy of religious bigotry and the corroding effects of narrow sectarianism, to economic conditions that deprive men of work and food and to the insanities of militarism and the self defeating effects of physical violence.

**Human salvation lies in the hands of
the creatively maladjusted.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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We Choose Welcome

Established 1743

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. **Psalm 139:13-14**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

John 1:43

But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

I Corinthians 6:17

Piano
Kari Edge
Assistants
William Gibb
Trixie Gibb
Brad Toole

Piano
Kari Edge
Assistant
Julia Springer

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare Available

In the nursery at the 10:45 service
See ushers for assistance.

Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

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

Proclamation

In life and in 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 686**

"God of Our Life"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

O God of every life, we are so focused on ourselves it is hard to see the lives which others endure. We worry about our future, and fail to notice those in need around us. We grumble about our aches and pains, and ignore the broken in our midst. Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of hope, so that we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer these as freely as Jesus the Christ. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Doxology**

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

Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta

****Hymn 834**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 79**

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Psalm 139:1-18

Sermon

"David's Epiphany"

Hymn 177

"I Will Come to You"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Give Me a Heart"

Text: Khwaja Ansari / Music: Carson Cooman

Affirmation

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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.

***Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

The one who is going to associate intimately with God must go beyond all that is visible and (lifting up his own mind, as to a mountaintop, to the invisible and incomprehensible) believe that the divine is there where the understanding does not reach. **Gregory of Nyssa** (335-394 AD)

The divine presence has always been with us, but we think it is absent. That thought is the monumental illusion of the human condition. The spiritual journey is designed to heal it.

Thomas Keating

We were loved from before the beginning. **Julian of Norwich**

Resist your temptation to lie, by speaking of separation from God, otherwise, we might have to medicate you. **Hafiz**

God has been profoundly real to me in recent years. In the midst of lonely days and dreary nights I have heard an inner voice saying, "Lo I will be with you"... I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness man has cosmic companionship. **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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