

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 21 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tue 23

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

Wed 24

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury
7:00 p.m. Film: "Get Out". Fellowship Hall

Sun 28 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15–20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

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

SEND NAMES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS. The deacons would like to assign a shepherd for SPC's college students during 2018. If you have a college student in your family, please send the name and name of school to diaconate secretary, Perry Jamieson at perryandsteph9@gmail.com.

COLD WEATHER ITEMS, (socks, gloves and hats) are requested for the DC mission trip to distribute to the homeless. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

SUMMARY OF MINI-CAT are available in the office.

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *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. Next week: The

Local Congregation as the Locus of Resistance (Ch. 6)

COMMUNITY HYMN SING, Sunday, Jan. 28, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room. Everyone is welcome, no need to read music or be an extraordinary singer. Contact Terry Tucker via the office.

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.

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday

January 21, 2018

10:45 a.m.

If the world is sane, then Jesus is mad as a hatter
and the Last Supper is the Mad Tea Party.
The world says, Mind your own business,
and Jesus says, There is no such thing as your own business.
The world says, Follow the wisest course and be a success,
and Jesus says, Follow me and be crucified.
The world says, Drive carefully---
the life you save may be your own---
and Jesus says, Whoever would save his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
The world says, Law and order,
and Jesus says, Love.
The world says, Get,
and Jesus says, Give.
In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot,
and anybody who thinks we can follow him
without being a little crazy too is laboring
less under a cross than under a delusion.
Frederick Buechener

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We Choose Welcome

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The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Jonah 3:1-3

For you alone my soul waits in silence; my hope is from the Beloved. Enfolding me with strength and steadfast love, my faith shall remain firm. In the Silence rests my freedom and my guidance; You are the Heart of my eart, my refuge is in the Silence. **Psalms 62:5-7** (Merrill)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short... For the present form of this world is passing away.

I Cor 7:29,31

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **Mark 1:16-18**

Piano

Kari Edge

First Pew

Assistants

Hazel Hitt

Eden Gruber

Catherine Irwin

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.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom

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 32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you invite us to follow the way of Jesus—to mend and heal, to feed and free, to bring good news. We hear your Word of hope, but let bad news overwhelm us. We are silent in the face of injustice. We ignore the poor, oppressed, and neglected. Help us hear your invitation anew, and give us the courage and compassion to follow the way of Love. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of grace and gratitude

***Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Germany, France

****Hymn 20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 410**

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:14–20

Sermon

"What's the Good News?"

***Hymn 721**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Give Me a Heart"

Text: Khwaja Ansari / Music: Carson Cooman

Affirmation

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***Credo**

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

***Response (3x)**

The kingdom of God is justice and peace

and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

If you're bored, one thing is for sure: You're not following in the footsteps of Christ.

Mark Batterson

It's hard to remember that Jesus did not come to make us safe, but rather to make us disciples, citizens of God's new age, a kingdom of surprise.

Stanley Hauerwas

When we are not living up to our true vocation, thought deadens our life, or substitutes itself for life, or gives in to life so that our life drowns out our thinking and stifles the voice of conscience. When we find our vocation, thought and life are one.

Thomas Merton

People call us to get our attention, to make contact with us, to draw us closer to them. So it is with God. A call may come as a gradual dawning of God's purpose for our lives. It can involve an accelerating sense of inner direction. It can emerge through a gnawing feeling that we need to do a specific thing. On occasion, it can burst forth as a sudden awareness of a path that God would have us take. Call may be emphatic and unmistakable, or it may be obscure and subtle. In whatever way call is experienced, through the centuries God has chosen to speak to us and bids us to listen. **Suzanne Farnham**

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