

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Surely It Is God

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our savior.

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 650

“O Beauty Ever Ancient”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

In a broken world, O God, reconcile us. In our broken hearts heal us. In our broken communities unite us. O Spirit of Life, lead us toward that which creates justice, wholeness and peace. Grant us the courage and imagination we need to follow you towards the beloved community of justice and joy. teach us to love you and others in the way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Welcome

Blessing the World

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

**Hymn 80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalms 1:1-3

And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Luke 6:19

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:20

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Interlude/Postlude

Stacy McFarland

Assistants

Mileur Bailey

Mica Martin

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.

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 172

“Blest Are They”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

“Blessings and/or Woes”

*Song (insert)

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake”

Richard Farrant

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.

*Blessing Song

May the blessing of God go before you,
May Her grace and peace abound
May Her Spirit live within you
May Her love wrap you round.
May Her blessing remain with you always
May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Waltz in A minor”

Frederic Chopin

Reading the Bible with the eyes of the poor is a different thing from reading it with a full belly. If it is read in the light of the experience and hopes of the oppressed, the Bible's revolutionary themes - promise, exodus, resurrection and spirit - come alive.

Jürgen Moltmann

It is really only the poor in spirit who can, actually, have anything, because they are the ones who know how to receive gifts. For them, everything is a gift.

Simon Tugwell

Within the sorrow, there is grace. When we come close to those things that break us down, we touch those things that also break us open. And in breaking open, we uncover our true nature.

Wayne Muller

The present moment is the intersection of eternity with time, and when our consciousness is stayed on this, it rests and finds peace, because it is released from the fantasies of the ego and in touch with reality.

Beatrice Bruteau

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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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.

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 17 • 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. LGBTQIA+ Community Support & Education

Tue 19

11:00 a.m. Music committee. CR 1
7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. CR 1
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 20

12:30 p.m. Spanish lessons. Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Mission committee CR 1
7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

NEW MEMBERS Interested in learning more about what it might mean to be a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church? There will be a class forming next month for those who are curious about this. Please let Rev. Sitterley know if you are interested in being a part of this.

SUNDAY SEMINARS We will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing*, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Fellowship Hall @ 9:45 a.m. Books are in the office: \$10 each (or pay what you can.) All are welcome. Childcare provided. Feb. 24: "The Virtue of Anger" and "The Costly Loss of Lament."

HILLBILLY a documentary film. **Thursday, February 21, 6 p.m.**, Reynolds Hall. This film depicts a more authentic Appalachia, including people of color, LGBTQIA+ persons and features Silas House, bell hooks, Affrilachian poets and more. The filmmakers will be present to answer questions after the screening. This is a joint project of SPC and Shepherd University's Appalachian Studies Program. Check out the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/268320305>. The film is free of charge, but seat reservations are required by calling 304-876-5648 or emailing jbrumage@shepherd.edu with name and number of seats desired.

Thu 21

10:00 a.m. Listening group. CR 1
6:00 p.m. *Hillbilly* film. Reynolds Hall SU

Sat 23

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship hall

Sun 24 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. CR 1
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday

February 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

For Presence

Awaken to the mystery of being here
and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.

Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.

Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.

Respond to the call of your gift
and the courage to follow its path.

Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.

May anxiety never linger about you.

May your outer dignity mirror
an inner dignity of soul.

Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles
that seek no attention.

Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

May you experience each day as a sacred gift
woven around the heart of wonder.

John O'Donohue

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