

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life." **Genesis 45:4-5**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. **Psalms 37:8**

Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **Luke 6:31, 36-38**

What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. **I Cor 15:36-42**

#### **Preacher**

Rev. Bill Sitterley

#### **Piano**

Georgiann Toole

#### **Men's Quartet**

Tim Artlip, Mark Pullen,  
Bill Rule, Brad Toole

#### **Assistants**

Hazel Hitt  
Elan Wohleber  
Terry Lindsay

#### **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.

## **GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

### **Introit (2x)**

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear.  
Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands  
to reach out and touch the world with your love

### **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 611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## **ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

### **Prayer for Wholeness**

Loving God, you call us from darkness and despair, to life and hope. But we do not listen. We cling to mere existence and refuse to live, fully and freely. Help us to die to all that separates us from you. Open us to the possibilities of new life which can spring from the very darkness we fear.

### **Silence**

### **Kyrie eleison**

### **Declaration of Grace & 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**  
China

### **\*\*Song (2x)**

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

### **First Pew**

### **Parish Life**

### **Hymn 286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

Luke 6:27-36

### **Sermon**

"Seriously? Loving Your Enemies"

### **\*Hymn 795**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

## **SERVING THE WORLD**

### **Prayers for Others**

### **Presenting Offerings**

### **Offertory**

### **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)**

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

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### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

To love our enemies does not mean that we suddenly become their friends. If it is our enemies we are to love, they must remain enemies. **David Steindl-Rast**

Learning how to love is the goal and the purpose of spiritual life — not learning how to develop psychic powers, not learning how to bow, chant, do yoga, or even meditate, but learning to love. **Lama Surya Das**

"In order to love your enemies, you must begin by analyzing self." **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

We love or hate our enemies to the same degree that we love or hate ourselves. In the image of the enemy, we will find the mirror in which we may see our own face most clearly. **Sam Keen**

### **Flowers placed today by**

Kathy & Dick Klein  
in appreciation of  
Kathy Reid

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

### **Sermons & Newsletters**

shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

### **Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

*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 24 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tue 26**

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. CR 1  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Wed 27**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices.  
Library  
10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer  
at Canterbury  
12:30 p.m. Spanish lessons. Fellowship Hall

**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, please let Rev. Sitterley know if you are interested in being a part of this.

**EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES** theme this month is "Healing Presence: Listening to Our Bodies." Tuesday, Feb. 26 10:30 a.m. Library

**SUNDAY SEMINARS** are undertaking an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing*, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. March 3: "Learning of Fire" and "Saluting the Divinity in You."

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, March 3, 5:00 p.m.**, Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food

**Fri 1**

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

**Sun 3 • Transfiguration Sunday**

Preacher: Ethel Hornbeck  
*Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;*  
*2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)*  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal

3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**ASH WEDNESDAY.** We will join with Asbury United Methodist Church (across from Morgans Grove Park) **March 6.** There will be a light dinner at 6:00 p.m., with worship, including communion and imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS,** Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (our dishwasher is broken, so please bring your own bowl, spoon and cup). Sign up sheet to bring soup or bread in Fellowship Hall & Narthex. Program 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *Notes from My Spiritual Journey.* Speakers: March 10: George Jordon and Morgan Sell; March 17: Jeff Groff and Betty Snyder; March 24: Season Jones and Bob Tucker. .

Ordinary Time  
Seventh Sunday

February 24, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13.1*

**LOVE**

I am a candle  
whose only light  
is love  
Created by Love  
in love  
for love  
Let me burn today  
in all I do  
with love  
my only hope  
my only success  
or failure  
love not devised  
but given  
and received  
your love  
O Love  
flowing through me  
mercy for every person  
gratitude for every thing  
love in every breath  
I your candle  
love  
my only flame

**Steve Garnass-Holmes**

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