

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 4 • Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:45 a.m. Transition reflections workshop.
Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup dinner. Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

Tue 6

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

Wed 7

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer. Sanctuary

Fri 9

8:00 p.m. Dulcimer concert. Sanctuary

MARCH NEWSLETTER is available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENINGS, Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (It helps the kitchen crew if you bring your own bowl, spoon and cup). Sign up sheet to bring soup or bread in Fellowship Hall. Program 6:15 p.m. *Notes from My Spiritual Journey*.

March 4: Esther Murphy and Lonce Bailey; **March 11:** Anne Teresa and Bill Rule. Childcare available upon request. Contact the office by the Wednesday before.

TOOL DRIVE for Coalfield Development Corp, March 4-11. See the list of much needed tools on the tools box in the Fellowship Hall, and newsletter. Contact Georgia.Jeppesen.frontier.com 304-274-2794 for info or home pick up.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER Mar 10-17. Volunteers needed for morning meals, bag lunches and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman needed each night. Contact Paul Hodder at phodder@frontiernet.net.

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick

Sat 10

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast. Hosted by Rie Wilson

Sun 11 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
12:30 a.m. Youth group. Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup dinner. Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

Ufford-Chase. This series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege & faith. No seminar March 4. Next (March 11): Learning Nonviolence in a Multifaceted World (Chap. 4).

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes by April 15. Donations will be split between humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects) and Jefferson County Community Ministries. (JCCM) Checks: memo: OGHs.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday March 29, 7:30 p.m. Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table.

Prayer Vigil to follow at 9:00 p.m. until 12 noon Good Friday. Sign up in Narthex & Fellowship Hall.

Easter: Informal sunrise service at Rumsey Monument at 6:45 a.m. Bring a reading, poem or song to share. (Dress warmly and bring something to sit on). A light breakfast will follow at the nearby home of Becky Phipps.

Easter Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Liturgy of Word & Table.

Season of Lent

Third Sunday

March 4, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Psalm 19—A Reflection

Since God sings all Creation,
every thing God’s Word,
all Creation sings God.
No words, just the Word.

The Word, the Way, the Law of Things
is everything’s perfection.
It gives life and light and joy.
It is all that matters.

But this inner truth is hidden—
I can’t hear my own discord!
Forgive me; tune me to your grace;
restore in me your holy resonance.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
ring harmoniously with your grace,
my Beloved, my Life, my All.

Steve Garnaas Holmes

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Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. **Exodus 20:1-3**

Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" **John 2:13-16**

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. **I Corinthians 1:25**

Piano
Kari Edge
First Pew
Chris Morehouse
Assistants
Elizabeth Krogstad
Mileur Bailey
Emily Gross

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 11:00 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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 ABOUND S

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and Most Merciful One, we hunger and thirst for you. We long for healing, wholeness and wisdom. We long for justice, peace and freedom. But we are impatient and easily discouraged. We succumb to fear. Free us from fear, anxiety and impatience. Walk with us and lead us toward your Beloved Community.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

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

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

**Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

First Pew

Parish Life

A Word from The Streets

Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 2:13-22

Sermon

"Expanding our Vocabulary"

*Hymn 751 (vs. 4, 5, 6)

"We Will Rise Up and Follow"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Dona Nobis Pacem
(Give Us Peace)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"I Believe"

Anon. Jewish text/Music: Mark Miller

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

Bless the Lord...

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

In a time of destruction, create something: a poem, a parade, a community, a school, a vow, a moral principle; one peaceful moment.

Maxine Hong Kingston

When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.

Archbishop Dom Hélder Câmara

If you therefore go to the desert to be rid of all the dreadful people and all the awful problems in your life, you will be wasting your time. You should go to the desert for a total confrontation with yourself.

Alessandro Pronzato
Meditations on the Sand

We cannot make up through benevolence damage we do through injustice. Acts of charity aren't substitute for justice.

Miroslav Volf

Violence does not always, not necessarily, take people by the throat and strangle them. Usually it demands no more than an oath of allegiance from its subjects. They are required merely to become accomplices in the lie.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Flowers placed by
The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur