

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 11 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 p.m. Youth group. Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup dinner. Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

Tue 13

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

Wed 14

7:00 p.m. Parish care. Classroom No. 1

Thu 15

10:00 a.m. Listening Group. Classroom No. 1
4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

Sat 17

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

Sun 18 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:1–12; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:45 a.m. Drama workshop. Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
4:30 p.m. Hymn sing. Choir Room

EASTER FLOWERS Coupons in Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Last Sunday to order is March 18.
COLD WEATHER SHELTER at SPC. March 10-17. Guests will arrive around 7 p.m., leave by 7 a.m.

LAST LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING TONIGHT. Soup & Bread Supper: 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (It helps the kitchen crew if you bring your own bowl, spoon and cup). Program 6:15 p.m. *Notes from My Spiritual Journey*: Anne Teresa and Bill Rule.

TOOL DRIVE for Coalfield Development Corp, March 4-11. See the list of much needed tools on the tools box in the Fellowship Hall. Contact [Georgia Jeppesen.frontier.com](http://GeorgiaJeppesen.frontier.com) 304-274-2794 for info or home pick up.

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Series continues our ongoing conversations on race privilege & faith. Next week: March 18: Reimagining Ecological Theology (Chap. 3)

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

Fourth Sunday

March 11, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Catch Me in My Scurrying

Catch me in my anxious scurrying, Lord,
and hold me in this Lenten season:
hold my feet to the fire of your grace
and make me attentive to my mortality
that I may begin to die now
to those things that keep me
from living with you
and my neighbors on this Earth;
to grudges and indifference,
to certainties that smother possibilities,
to my fascination with false securities,
to my addiction to sweatless dreams
to my arrogant insistence on how it has to be;
to my corrosive fear of dying someday
which eats away the wonder of living this day,
and the adventure of losing my life
in order to find it in you.

Ted Loder

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This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. **Psalms 51:10-12**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **Hebrews 5:7**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

John 12:24-26

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Trixie Gibbs
William Gibbs
Phil Baker-Shenk

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)

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 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 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer for Wholeness

O Gracious One, have mercy on me, help me to trust your steadfast love. Forgive me for all the ways I have inflicted harm on others, myself and your creation. Lead me in paths of justice and guide my steps on the way of peace. Free me from all that binds me in fear that I might radiate your love. Restore in me the joy of abundant life and fill me with your Spirit, this day and always.

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

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

****Song**

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 683

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 3:14-21

Sermon

"From Eternity to Here"

***Hymn 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Kyrie" arr. G. Gilpin

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**

Surely it is God...

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

In the desert the most urgent thing is--to wait. The desert does not take kindly to those who tackle it at breakneck speed, subjecting it to their plans and deadlines. Instead, the desert welcomes those who shed their sandals of speed and walk slowly in their bare feet, letting them be caressed and burnt by the sand. If you have no ambition to conquer the desert, if you do not think you are in charge, if you can calmly wait for things to be done, then the desert will not consider you an intruder and will reveal its secrets to you.

Alessandro Pronzato

Heaven, as other people have imagined it, does not hold a lot of charms for me. I cringe at the thought of little cherubs strumming harps and ogling each other sexlessly, or walking around on streets of gold for an eternity. We were made for love, and as pure souls free of wasting bodies, with all the time in the world, maybe we could really know and love each other.

Lawrence Wood

I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious anti-neighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. **Walter Brueggemann**

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

*stand if you are able

**children to First Pew

Kyrie by Bro. Stefan Waligur