

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

Genesis 15:1

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Luke 13:34

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 4:1

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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)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of Love, your spirit draws us toward new ways of being. You bid us walk with Jesus among the broken people and places of the world. You call us to transform systems of oppression. But we are afraid. We cling to our comfort and control. We do not trust in your abundant grace. Free us from all that keeps us from you, and give us vision and courage to bear your light into the world. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison

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

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

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

****Hymn 7**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

"The Fox and The Hen"

***Hymn 506** (vs. 1, 2, 4)

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

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

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
arr. G. Toole

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)**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

It is no coincidence that Jesus compares himself to a hen and calls Herod a fox. The threat is obvious. The children of God are vulnerable to the powers of the world. **Joyce Hollyday**

Luke's Gospel is the most broad-minded and the most forgiving of all four Gospels. Every chance he gets, Luke has Jesus forgiving people, right up to the thief on the cross and the prayer for his persecutors. **Richard Rohr**

Those who tell you 'Do not put too much politics in your art' are not being honest. If you look very carefully you will see that they are the same people who are quite happy with the situation as it is... What they are saying is don't upset the system. **Chinua Achebe**

We do not arm ourselves against any nation; we do not learn the art of war; because, through Jesus Christ, we have become the children of peace.

Origen of Alexandria

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Lord have Mercy
by Bro. Stefan Waligur

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.



Sat 16-22 • Cold Weather Shelter at SPC

Sun 17 • Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

9:30 a.m. Youth group. CR 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper. FH

6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

Mon 18

1:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance

Wed 20

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices. Library

12:30 p.m. Spanish lessons. FH

6:00 p.m. Memorial service for Ed Morrow

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

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

Thu 21

10:00 a.m. Listening group. CR 1

7:00 p.m. Worship committee. CR 1

Sun 24 • Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

12:00 p.m. Youth group community service

12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee support.
CR 1

5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper. FH

6:15 p.m. Lenten program. Sanctuary

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

EASTER OFFERING (One Great Hour of Sharing) Turn in fish boxes by April 28. Donations will be split between humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects) 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries. (JCCM) and 25% to Good Shepherd (GSIVC). Checks: memo: OGHS.

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES theme for **Wednesday, March 20th** will be “Mindfulness: Developing an Embodied Presence”

SUNDAY SEMINARS are exploring anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing*, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. March 24: “Arthritis of the Spirit” and “The Role of Anger in Spiritual Work”

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 17: Jeff Groff and Betty Snyder; March 24: Season Jones and Bob Tucker. Childcare provided March 17, if anyone can help with childcare on the 24th, please let the office know.

IRA RMD. If you are over age 70 1/2, you can donate part or all of your IRA RMD (required minimum distribution) to the church directly. There are tax advantages to doing so, especially if you don’t itemize deductions. Contact your IRA custodian to determine the necessary steps. If you would like additional information, contact John Burns, Stewardship Committee Chair.

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Season of Lent

Second Sunday

March 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

DESERT

The desert waits,
ready for those who come,
who are obedient to the Spirit’s leading;
or who are driven,
because they will not come any other way.

The desert always waits,
ready to let us know who we are -
the place of self discovery.

And whilst we fear, and rightly,
the loneliness and emptiness and harshness,
we forget the angels,
whom we cannot see for our blindness,
but who come when God decides
that we need their help;
when we are ready
for what they can give us.

Ruth Burgess

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