

When the Divine Lover enters the human heart, all yearnings are fulfilled!
Psalm 126
(Nan Merrill)

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. **Isaiah 43:18-19**

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **John 12:3**

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13-14

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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)

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.

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 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, there is in our world an ever present stream of injustice borne by the poor, the marginalized, the lonely. We confess our complicity in supporting this status quo through silence and inaction. We stand by while our brothers, sisters and siblings suffer at the hands of the privileged and powerful. We confess our commitment to being a church of welcome, but we concern ourselves with our own comforts and desires. Free us, we pray, from all that keeps us from loving you and all your beloved children. 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

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

**Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 822

"When We Are Living"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 12:1-8

Sermon

"All In The Family"

*Hymn 201

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Hear the Voice and Prayer"

Thomas Tallis

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.

*Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive. He who loves his dream of community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Perhaps the secret of living well is not in having all the answers but in pursuing unanswerable questions in good company.

Rachel Naomi Remen

I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does; so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred.

Fred Rogers

You can never love another unless you are equally involved in the difficult spiritual work of learning to love yourself.

John O'Donohue

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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sign up in office

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.



Sun 7 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
5:30 p.m. Community Dinner. JCCM, Charles Town

Wed 9

12:30 p.m. Spanish lessons. Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Sat 13

9:00 a.m. Session retreat at Priestfield

Sun 14 • Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 27:11–54

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

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

EASTER FLOWERS. Last Sunday to place an order. Coupons in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, April 7, 5:00 p.m., This month at JCCM. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime. Please use disposable containers.

INQUIRING INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? Join us on April 14 at 9:45 a.m. to find out what this means and implies, and what is unique about Shepherdstown Presbyterian. We’ll meet upstairs in Classroom #1. Please let Rev. Sitterley know of your interest if you have not done so already.

FISH BOXES will be collected on **Palm Sunday, April 14.** The Easter offering OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) will be shared: 50% to 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). Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHS.

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 18, 7:30 p.m. Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table.

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

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, April 21. Gather at 6:15 a.m. Informal service at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring a chair and gather on the grass area below the monument. Also, bring a reading, poem, or song. Bring a light breakfast to share at the nearby home of Becky Phipps.

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

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Season of Lent

Fifth Sunday

April 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.

*Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,
anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. John 12.3*

Her Hands, Her Hair

God does not promise to save you from suffering,
or to remove you from this life and its jagged edges.

God shares your space in it, offers blessing in it,
anointing your nights as well as days.

The cross is no scheme to get you off a hook somewhere;
it’s the Beloved, with you in your pain.

Let the Beloved pour herself out on your troubles,

let her pour out a jar of tears for you,
wipe your aching feet with her hair.

Let the whole house of you be filled
with the fragrance of God’s blessing.

Others don’t feel your pain but she does,
they will flee but she will be with you.

Lay before her your sorrows and your rage.

Feel her hands upon you, her hair, her heart.

You are in the holy of holies.

The world’s derision fades away outside the gate.

She looks at you with love that will stay with you forever.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Unfolding Light

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