

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 8 • Second Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
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

**Wed 11**

7:00 p.m. Exploring Justice: *Selma*;  
Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Thu 12**

5:15 p.m. Mission committee. Classroom No. 1  
7:30 p.m. Worship committee. Fellowship Hall

**Sat 14**

1:00 p.m. Drama dress rehearsal. Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Movable Feast. Hosted by  
Sharon Henderson

**Sun 15 • Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48*  
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Performance  
of “Ruth”

**EXPLORING JUSTICE** film series continues with the 2014 historical drama *Selma*. **Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR:** *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire* by Rick Ufford-Chase. Next: conclusion. **Sunday, April 15, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF TRANSITIONS.** Please join us for a special opportunity to hear an update from your church leadership on this time of transition. Aside from a time of pastoral transition, this is also a time when our leadership and organization is evolving as well. There will be a few brief reports, and ample time for Q&A. **Sunday, April 22, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**MORE LIGHT GROUP.** All are welcome! Grab your coffee and come upstairs to hear about this important work for justice. **April 22, 12:15 p.m. Classroom No. 1.**

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** for those who would like to explore what it means to be a member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian. There will be a two hour session following the second service. A light lunch will be provided. If you have not already done so, please let Rev. Sitterley know if you would like to be a part of this. **Sunday, April 29, 12:15 p.m.** Classroom No. 1.

Eastertide  
Second Sunday

April 8, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

**Love After Love**

The day will come  
the time will come  
when, with elation  
you will greet yourself  
arriving at your own door  
and each will smile at each others welcome

saying sit here, eat  
you will love again the stranger who was yourself  
Give wine, give bread  
give back your heart to yourself

to the stranger who has loved you all your life  
who you ignored for another  
who knows you by heart

Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,  
the photographs, the desperate notes  
feel your own image in the mirror, see it  
Feast on your life.

Derek Wolcott

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Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

**Acts 4:32**

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**1 John 1:4-5**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**John 20:21-23**

**Piano**  
Kari Edge  
**Assistants**  
Sophia Tuzzio  
William Gibbs  
Brad Toole

**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 Hymn 635 (2x)**

Sing praise and bless the Lord, Sing praise and bless the Lord  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia  
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**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 Worship**

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*

**Prayer**

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**\*Hymn 245**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

**GRACE ABOUND**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Gracious God, even in this season of resurrection, we live in brokenness and despair. We allow our doubts and fears to keep us from recognizing the new life you offer us today. Break through the locked doors of our hearts and minds, fill us with your peace, and breathe a new and right spirit into us. Amen

**Silence**

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**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**

Kenya, Tanzania

**\*\*Hymn 243 (3x)**

"Be Not Afraid"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

John 20:19-31

**Sermon**

"Thomas the Twin"

**\*Hymn 817**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayer for Others**

O Beloved, *send out your Spirit*

**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.

**\*Hymn 232 (vs. 4)**

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Jesus said: 'If you bring forth what is hidden within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you.'

**The Gospel of Thomas**

The world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home. It is a journey we can make only by the acceptance of mystery and of mystification...

**Wendell Berry**

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

**John O'Donohue**

God, help us as individuals and as a world to hear it now before it is too late: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's justice and all these other things shall be added unto you."

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Flowers placed by**

Linda Kelso  
in memory of  
Jim Price

\*stand if you are able

\*\*children to First Pew

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**Sunday flowers**  
sign up in office

**Kyrie** by Georgiann Toole