

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

### Introit

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace  
Love before us...

### 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 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

### Prayer for Wholeness

O Christ, Savior and Lover of the whole world, you cry out with all those scorned, mocked, and forgotten. You cry out with all those unjustly imprisoned and condemned, with all those abused, tortured, and crucified by the world’s inhumane systems. You cry out, but we stand at a safe distance. O Christ, Savior and Lover of the world, forgive us. Help us bear the cross with you.

### Silence

### Kyrie eleison

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

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

### \*Doxology (607)

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

Blessed are all who enter through your gates! Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love! For You lead the Way, You forgive our misguided ways, and You bring Light into darkness. Come, all you who will, partake of the Great Banquet!

**Psalm 118** (Nan Merrill)

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. Who will contend with me? Who will declare me guilty?  
**Isaiah 50:7**

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

**Luke 19:36, 38**

### Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

### Organist

Alan Ogden

### Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

### Assistants

William Gonano

Mary Ellen Lloyd

### 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.

## Blessing the World

Kenya, Tanzania

### \*\*Hymn 197 (vs. 1-2)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

### First Pew

### Parish Life

### Hymn 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:17-19

### Sermon

“The Cross: An Alternate Orthodoxy”

### \*Hymn 501

“Feed Us Lord”

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Communion

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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## SERVING THE WORLD

### Presenting Offerings

### Offertory

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. William Roger Price

### Reading

Mark 15:33-37

### Repose

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### Postlude

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(Please leave quietly)

The message of the Cross of Christ is not that God will shield us from suffering, but that we can encounter God in our suffering, even as God encountered us in human suffering. God knows our suffering.

**David Rensberger**

You do not have to sit outside in the dark. If, however, you want to look at the stars, you will find that darkness is necessary.

**Annie Dillard**

The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God’s presence in Jesus’ solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of despair.

**Rev. Dr. James Cone**

There was no Stoic resignation, no Socratic dignity, nothing to make it easy or natural: Jesus looked at his coming death and saw it as monstrous and dreadful.

**Rowan Williams**

\* 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.



**Sun 14 • Palm/Passion Sunday**

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

**Tue 16**

10:00 a.m. Administration staff meeting. FH

7:00 p.m. Session. FH

**Wed 17**

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

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

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

**Thu 18 • Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. Service of prayer, song, silence  
& communion. Sanctuary

9:00 p.m. 15 hour prayer vigil begins. Sanctuary

**Fri 19**

4:00 p.m. Connection @ Blue Moon

**Sat 20**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. FH

**Sun 21 • Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday**

*Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;*

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18*

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

6:15 a.m. Sunrise service.

Rumsey Monument

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

**NO SUNDAY STUDIO OR NURSERY** Easter Sunday. Children are invited to stay in pews with their parents.

**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.

**SUNDAY SEMINARS:** The Gospel of Mary. **April 28 & May 5. 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**MISSION FAIR.** *Sharing gratitude, awareness, and possibilities with our congregation.* After each service, **Sunday, June 2.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall to see and celebrate SPC's mission engagement in our community and our world.

**Holy Week**  
Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 14, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

If you dare,  
take the hand of Jesus  
and go with him to Jerusalem.  
Along the way,  
visit friends and challenge power,  
Turn water into wine  
and be extravagant with praise.  
For Jesus bids us  
live a dangerous love  
and, in love,  
he leads us along the way.

**Amy Mears and April Baker**

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