

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.



Ordinary Time
Eleventh Sunday

June 17, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Sun 17 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship

Sun 24 • 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:1-49; Psalms 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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SUMMER SUNDAY SEMINAR. Join us in July as we explore four different, current and challenging topics using short articles and other resources as our guides. We will provide information in advance on the topics for you to read ahead and the articles will be available at the sessions. All are welcome!
July 8, 15, 22 and 29, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

SHEPHERDSTOWN COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL New Location New Time! Register children 3 yrs. old to 5th grade. Youth-adults needed to assist with activities. Great volunteer opportunity for the entire family or simply drop off the kids and have a quiet dinner at home for the week. Registration forms located in the SPC classrooms and Fellowship Hall. Contact Emily Gross, egross@shepherd.edu for more information. **July 9-13, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,** Asbury United Methodist Church.

TEEN WEEK! A week of adventure and service for youth grades 6-12, learning about the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere and how we can care for God's creation. Serving with a trail and river clean-up, and plant a monarch butterfly garden. And having fun tubing, hiking, camping and enjoying the great outdoors! \$50 per person. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association. Contact the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish to register: 304-876-6771. **July 16-20.**

SUMMER STUDIO Help us give the regular teachers a summer break and consider signing up for a Sunday. Children from 3 years old through grade 5 are in need of studio leaders. Lessons are flexible and our theme this summer is School of Love. The agenda is your own or we can help you with ideas. Past topics included; travel, caring for earth, and various craft projects. Help care for your SPC kids and give our parents a "pew" break. Contact Emily Gross egross@shepherd.edu for more information or inquiries.

NURSERY LEADER NEEDED SPC needs one adult volunteer to take over the Nursery Leader role. Your responsibilities include overseeing the nursery, submitting timesheets for nursery attendants, ensuring supplies are stocked and coordinating coverage when a paid nursery attendant is absent. Please call Sarah Santacrose with any questions, 301-787-0483.

Last Night As I Was Sleeping

Last night as I was sleeping,
I dreamt—marvelous error!—
that a spring was breaking
out in my heart.
I said: Along which secret aqueduct,
Oh water, are you coming to me,
water of a new life
that I have never drunk?

Last night as I was sleeping,
I dreamt—marvelous error!—
that I had a beehive
here inside my heart.
And the golden bees
were making white combs
and sweet honey
from my old failures.

Last night as I was sleeping,
I dreamt—marvelous error!—
that a fiery sun was giving
light inside my heart.
It was fiery because I felt
warmth as from a hearth,
and sun because it gave light
and brought tears to my eyes.

Last night as I slept,
I dreamt—marvelous error!—
that it was God I had
here inside my heart.

Antonio Machado

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The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

I Samuel 15:12-13

May the One who created you in wholeness meet your needs when you call! May the Name of Love be your protection and rise up in your heart as a tower of strength. **Psalms 20:1-2** (Merrill)

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how."

Mark 4:26-27

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Jeff Hornbeck • Morgan Sell
Michael Wisniewski

Assistants

Evelyn Bailey
Kaitlin Rolfe
Christa Joyce

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.

Childcare Available

In the nursery at the 11:00 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer for Wholeness

O merciful One, in Christ You seek to unite all things in heaven and on earth. You yearn to reconcile all peoples to each another. We, too, long for your new creation. But we allow fear to rule our hearts, and build barriers that keep us from each other. Forgive us. Help us live into your new creation. Lead us on your path of healing and liberation. Teach us your way of love. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Blessing the World

Canada, USA

****Hymn 19**

"God of Great and God of Small"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading (front cover)

Interlude

Lesson

I Samuel 15:10-19

Sermon

"Thanks. I'll Take It From Here"

***Hymn 434**

"Restore in Us, O God"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

Mexico

(An Immigrant's Tale)

Michael Wisniewski

Affirmation

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***Credo**

In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Holy Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

***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

True servanthood does not diminish a person's stature. Nor does true humility limit one's ability to exercise authority. In reality, the more that a leader demonstrates the capacity to be a humble servant, the more ability that leader will have to command the respect and allegiance of others.

Tony Campolo

"A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves."

Eleanor Roosevelt

The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble.

Pope Francis

Good leaders must have a certain capacity for thinking beyond polarities and tapping into full, embodied knowing (prayer). They have a tolerance for ambiguity (faith), an ability to hold creative tensions (hope), and an ability to care (love) beyond their own personal advantage. **Richard Rohr**

Sr. Gloria Davis reflecting on her native Navajo tradition...explains that the holy ones in their community, the ones who were the spiritual leaders, 'were always the people with the keenest sense of humor. You could spot them by the laugh wrinkles near their eyes!'

Patricia H. Livingston

Let in the Light

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* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew