

**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 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Mon-Fri 9-13**

5:00 p.m. Community Bible School.  
Asbury United Methodist Church

**Wed 11**

7:30 p.m. Storied Evening. Sanctuary

**Thu 12**

3:00 p.m. Strategic Visioning. Classroom No. 1  
5:15 p.m. Mission committee. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 15 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 *Samuel* 6:1–5, 12b–19; *Psalms* 24; *Ephesians* 1:3–14;  
*Mark* 6:14–29

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**COFFEE ON THE PORTICO.** Enjoy your Sunday coffee and conversation at a table on the west portico.

**DELECTABLE DESSERTS** sign up in Fellowship Hall and Narthex to bring desserts for Storied Evenings **July 11, 18 and 25.**

**SUMMER STUDIO** is still in need of help filling slots for Summer Studio. 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. Kids will have to stay in the pews if we don’t fill the slots! Contact Emily Gross [egross@shepherd.edu](mailto:egross@shepherd.edu) for more information or inquiries.

**SUMMER SEMINAR July 15, 9:45 a.m.** James Cone looked evil in the face and refused to let it crush his hope - a look at James Cone, theologian and author of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*.

**TEEN WEEK! July 16–20.** A week of adventure and service. Youth, grades 6–12, will learn about the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere and how we can care for God’s creation. They will serve by helping with trail and river cleanup, and planting a monarch butterfly garden. And they will have 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.

**SHARE YOUR GARDEN** surplus with others. Place your surplus vegetables and fruit in boxes or bags and leave in the Fellowship Hall.

**YOUR FAITHFULNESS** and generosity to the church has been outstanding again this year. Remember that expenses continue through the summer months. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated. SPC Finance Committee.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Ordinary Time**  
Fourteenth Sunday

**July 8, 2018**  
11:00 a.m.

We are all on a journey together...  
To the center of the universe...

Look deep

Into yourself, into another.

It is to a center which is everywhere

That is the holy journey...

First you need only look:

Notice and honor the radiance of

Everything about you...

Play in this universe. Tend

All these shining things around you:

The smallest plant, the creature and  
objects in your care.

Be gentle and nurture. Listen...

As we experience and accept

All that we really are...

We grow in care.

We begin to embrace others

As ourselves, and learn to live

As one among many...

**Anne Hillman**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Celebrating 275 Years*

*Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future*

*We Choose Welcome*

And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

**2 Samuel 5:10**

Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

**Mark 6:4-6**

**Preacher**

Rev. Bill Sitterley

**Piano**

Kari Edge

**Assistants**

Vivian Alexander

Ava Joyce

Rie Wilson

**Sermons & Newsletters**

shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

**Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

**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.

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

**Introit (2x)**

Dona Nobis Pacem

(Give Us 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 611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Loving Spirit, we are troubled by the cares of the world and riddled by our own anxieties. We are burdened by fear and addicted to systems that oppress and degrade us and others. Set us free, O Beloved, to love ourselves and others fully and freely. Help us accept your burden of love for the world that brings healing and hope to all peoples.

**Silence**

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Doxology**

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**

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

**\*\*Hymn 63**

"The Lord Is God"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 817**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

II Samuel 6:1-11

**Sermon**

"Getting Ahead of God"

**\*Hymn 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayers for Others**

**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.

**\*Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

By telling [our] stories, we come to see the significance and coherence of our lives as a gift, as something not of our own heroic creation, but as something that must be told to us, something we would not have known without the community of faith. The little story I call my life is given cosmic, eternal significance as it is caught up within God's larger account of history.... The significance of our lives is frighteningly contingent on the story of another.

**Stanley Hauerwas  
& William Willimon**

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that's waiting for us.

**Joseph Campbell**

When we look back on our own little lives, if we can manage such retrospection honestly, we can rejoice in what we have been given. We can trace the path winding away behind us and chart the bumps in the road, the times when darkness fell before we had reached the day's stopping place, the times when we ploughed through snowdrifts, the times when we fell either painfully or with a total loss of dignity on the ice. We can see all the places where we took a wrong turn, all the places where we received generous and unexpected hospitality.

**Margaret Guenther**

The intelligent man who's proud of his intelligence is like the condemned man who's proud of his large cell.

**Simone Weil**

**Flowers placed by**

Lois Butcher  
in memory of  
Hazel and Russell Butcher

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and younger to the first pew