

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 22 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wed 25

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer
at Canterbury
3:00 p.m. Strategic Visioning. Classroom No. 1
7:30 p.m. Storied Evening. Sanctuary

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED July 22-29.

IN LIEU OF SUNDAY STUDIO for July, children may be dismissed to watch a movie together after First Pew, or they may return to sit with their parents.

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

STORIED EVENING. *Stories, Music and Art!* Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. Rachael Meads, *Director of Student Activities & Leadership Fraternity & Sorority Life, Shepherd University.* Music by Eric Avey, *guitar & vocals*; Kate Avey, *bass*; Dave Asti, *banjo*; Jesse Shultzaberger, *drums*. Art exhibit by the Community Art Show and Delectable Desserts.

SUMMER SEMINAR July 29, 9:45 a.m. Two articles by Stephanie Paulsell of Harvard: *Our Practices Keep our Commitments Alive* and *Life Together as an Empire Collapses*.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright,

Sat 28

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship Hall

Sun 29 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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

password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:15-4:45 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked community dinner). Please use disposable containers.

BOOK BAGS FOR NEEDY KIDS PROGRAM. SPC has been matched with TA Lowery Elementary to help provide kids with book bags and basic school supplies. Leave items in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, August 12**. Items needed: durable book bags/ backpacks, 16 count crayons, wide ruled notebook paper, rulers, pencils of any kind, pencil bag/box, one inch three ring binders, composition notebooks, single subject spiral notebooks, tissues, pocket folders with prongs.

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.

Ordinary Time
Sixteenth Sunday

July 22, 2018
11:00 a.m.

A PRAYER FOR THE LIVING

Life,
Break in me whatever needs to be broken.
Fix my hope of ever being fixed.
Use me. Draw every ounce of creativity out of me.
Help me live a radically unique life,
forever forging a never-before-trodden path in the forest.
Show me how to love more deeply than I ever thought possible.
Whatever I am still turning away from, keep shoving in my face.
Whatever I am still at war with,
help me soften towards, relax into, fully embrace.
Where my heart is still closed, show me a way to open it without violence.
Where I am still holding on, help me let go.
Give me challenges and struggles and seemingly insurmountable obstacles,
if that will bring an even deeper humility and trust in the intelligence of life.
Help me laugh at my own seriousness.
Allow me to find the humour in the dark places.
Show me a profound sense of rest in the midst of the storm.
Don't spare me from the truth. Ever.
Let gratitude be my guide.
Let forgiveness be my mantra.
Let this moment be a constant companion.
Let me see your face in every face.
Let me feel your warm presence in my own presence.
Hold me when I stumble.
Breathe me when I cannot breathe.
Let me die living, not live dying. Amen.

Jeff Foster

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Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace.

Ephesians 2:14-15

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Mark 6:30-32

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Abigail Landon • Morgan Sell
Michael Wisniewski

Assistants

Trixie Gibbs
Cora Wilkinson
Catherine Irwin

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)

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear.
Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands
to reach out and touch the world with your love.

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 23**

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Beloved, we confess we are so caught up in our own little lives, that we fail to notice the fullness of your loving Presence. We do not listen deeply to you or others, and so often miss your invitation to live. We allow our fears to close us off and our comforts to blind us. Open our hearts to your longing for compassion and wholeness, and help us to love boldly, in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Welcome

Blessing the World

Albania, Croatia, Yugoslavia

****Hymn 20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 306**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 6: 30 – 34; 53 – 56

Sermon

"The Hungry Soul"

***Hymn 169**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" *

**For first verse, we suggest singing,*

"Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"My Lord Did Trouble Me"

Susan Werner

Affirmation

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***Credo**

(see insert)

***Response**

Holy Spirit, come...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.

Zora Neale Hurston

Transformation is not for the faint-hearted. But it is for those whose hearts and minds are open and ready to become larger. It is for those who long, and those who dream, and those who seek. It's for the seeker that is in all of us—seeking the larger places for which we were born, seeking the larger self we dare to hope we really are, seeking the truer self we trust must lie hidden in the clutter of the selves of our own construction. It is for those who hunger and thirst after being all we can be and are not prepared to settle for anything less.

Dr. David G. Benner

We are called to seek justice, not to burn out seeking it. I am not going to fix the world by myself. I have to realize the fact that sometimes I try to do too much and end up doing nothing... My soul will be restored every time my efforts toward environmental, social, or economic justice are put into action, one step at a time. This restoration is also my rest. We must work to sustain the rhythm God has built into life. God worked and rested. We must do the same. Jesus taught and healed, then retreated. We can follow his example.

Diana Rodriguez

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office