

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 5 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
5:30 p.m. Community dinner. Charles Town

Sat 11

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast supper group.
Hosted by Elaine Hurd

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

REV. BILL SITTERLEY will be on vacation August 1-14. During his absence, contact Kathy Reid in the office. Phone messages will be checked daily and forwarded to the appropriate person.

HISPANIC MISSION FOOD OUTREACH. Sundays, August 5, 12 & 19. The most requested items are: rice, dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. (Place items in the bushel baskets in narthex or office foyer.) Donated food will be delivered to the Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 4:15–4:45 p.m. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY will be observed in the PCUSA this year on **August 12.** That day, we will be collecting a special offering for the Westminster Foundation of WV, which will be used this year to help fund a special training for campus pastors and student leaders on strategies for dealing with the epidemic of suicide. The Westminster Foundation of West Virginia funds

Sun 12 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–51
8:30 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship

campus ministry programs across our state including our own Connections@SU. For more information, go to www.westminsterwv.org.

BOOK BAGS FOR NEEDY KIDS PROGRAM. SPC has been matched with TA Lowery Elementary to help provide needy 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.

CARING CUPBOARD. September is SPC’s turn to pack and deliver bags to our two local schools. Meet Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. at the Lutheran Parish House on King Street. Contact Suellen Myers, 304-876-6035 or willowsp@earthlink.net if you can help.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary. Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. Childcare will be available.

OUR SUNDAY STUDIO KIDS need teachers! Those wonderful, smart little people need you a few times a year to be their teacher. Contact Amanda Groff via the office.

Ordinary Time
Eighteenth Sunday

August 5, 2018
11:00 a.m.

A Liberation Poem

God of power,
God of people,
You are the life of all
That lives,
Energy
That fills the earth,
Vitality
That brings to birth,
The impetus
Toward making whole
Whatever is bruised
Or broken.
In you we grow
To know the truth
That sets all creation free.
You are the song
The whole earth sings,
The promise
Liberation brings,
Now and forever.

Unknown

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David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

1 Samuel 12:13

Create in me a clean heart, O Gracious One, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

Preacher

Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

Worship Leader

Ethel Hornbeck

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Mary Anne & Than Hitt

Assistants

William Gibbs

Hazel Hitt

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)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you..

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 650**

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Have mercy on me, O Gracious One, according to your steadfast love. Forgive me where my thoughts and deeds have hurt others. Teach me, that I may know my weaknesses, the unloving ways that separate me, and keep me from recognizing your life in me. Forgive all that binds me in fear, that I might radiate love; cleanse me that your light might shine in me. Create in me a clean heart and restore in me the joy of your saving grace, that I might tell of your justice and mercy. Amen (*from Psalm 51*)

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

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

****Hymn 526**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial prayer

***Hymn 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 6:24-35

Sermon

"Bread for the World"

***Hymn 749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Deportee" by Woody Guthrie

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.

***Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,
May Her grace and peace abound
May Her Spirit live within you
May Her love wrap you round.
May Her blessing remain with you always
May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The question of bread for myself is a material question, but the question of bread for my neighbor is a spiritual question.

Nikolai Bordyaev

Anger, fear, aggression... the dark side they are.

Yoda

There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.

Mahatma Gandhi

Love doesn't just sit there, like a stone, it has to be made, like bread; remade all the time, made new.

Ursula k. Le guin

Flowers placed by

Leslie Williams
In gratitude for the blessing of this community's love and support

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.