

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 12 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Fri 17

6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group.
Hosted by Becky Phipps

Sat 18

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall

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 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.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY is being observed in the PCUSA today. 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 campus ministry programs across our state including our own Connections@SU. For more information, go to www.westminsterwv.org.

Sun 19 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111;

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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

9:45 a.m. Stewardship committee. CR 1

1:00 p.m. Youth pool party

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.

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

Nineteenth Sunday

August 12, 2018

11:00 a.m.

The Gates of Hope

Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope—
Not the prudent gates of Optimism,
Which are somewhat narrower.
Not the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;
Nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness,
Which creak on shrill and angry hinges
(People cannot hear us there; they cannot pass through)
Nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of
“Everything is gonna’ be all right.”
But a different, sometimes lonely place,
The place of truth-telling,
About your own soul first of all and its condition.
The place of resistance and defiance,
The piece of ground from which you see the world
Both as it is and as it could be
As it will be;
The place from which you glimpse not only struggle,
But the joy of the struggle.
And we stand there, beckoning and calling,
Telling people what we are seeing
Asking people what they see.

Victoria Safford

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

2 Samuel 18:33

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Psalm 130:1

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

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Ephesians 4:25-27

Preacher

Ethel Hornbeck

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Steve Warner

Jeff Hornbeck

Assistants

Evelyn Groff

EV Gruber

Shanna Mastrangelo

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 (3x)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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 401**

"Here in This Place"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious and loving God, we do not live as people of hope. We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our deepest selves. We allow ourselves to be ruled by fear, selfishness and our need for control. We surrender to despair. Hear our cry, O Beloved. Teach us to wait and watch, to trust in your abundant love. Free us to live and to love in the way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response (2x)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

****Hymn 36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Parish Life

Hymn 795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Psalm 130

Sermon

"Living Deep"

***Hymn 767**

"Together We Serve"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Traditional

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.

***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

Authentic spirituality is revolutionary. It does not legitimate the world, it breaks the world; it does not console the world, it shatters it. And it does not render the self content, it renders it undone.

Ken Wilber

Dominator culture has tried to keep us all afraid, to make us choose safety instead of risk, sameness instead of diversity. Moving through that fear, finding out what connects us, revelling in our differences; this is the process that brings us closer, that gives us a world of shared values, of meaningful community.

bell hooks

*Teaching Community:
A Pedagogy of Hope*

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "And so do all who live to see such times. But it is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

JRR Tolkien

Hope inspires the good to reveal itself.

Emily Dickinson

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* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to Sunday Studio

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