

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 2 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship with communion: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
5:30 p.m. Community dinner. Charles Town

Tue 4

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 5

7:00 p.m. Taizé. Sanctuary

Thu 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

Sat 8

5:00 p.m. TGIF supper group.
Hosted by Lee & Eunsook Bailey

Sun 9 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*
Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Annual Parish meeting. Sanctuary

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

MOVING UP CEREMONY. Sunday, Sept. 9 at the 11:00 service. Let the office know your child's grade level.

REGISTRATION. All children must be registered for Sunday Studio, even if you completed the form last year. Forms are available in the church office and Sunday Studio classrooms. We encourage your participation in your children's spiritual education. Contact Amanda Groff via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

COMMUNITY DINNER The SPC youth are providing food and serving it for the Sept. 2 meal. Regular faithful cooks can take a break this month.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) CIRCLE. Thursday, Sept. 6, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall. We are continuing to use the book *Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation* by Alice Connor. The September discussion is the chapter titled, "Eve: Mother of All Living." All women of the church are welcome. Contact Rie Wilson via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if you need a copy of the book. We are looking forward to joining again with everyone this fall. Invite a friend.

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

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time
Twenty Second Sunday

September 2, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Labor Day Prayer

For all my labors, that they be fruitful for your sake,
I pray, O God.
For those who labor daily, may their work reward them
and give them dignity and joy.
For those who seek work without finding,
give them hope and dignity, and sustain them.
For those who cannot work, for incapacity or injustice,
help them to know that they too are part
of your great work in healing the world.
For those who toil unrewarded,
who are underpaid, exploited, enslaved or abused,
give them blessing and life and bring about justice.
For all oppression of those who labor
give me courage, O God, to work for justice,
to set free your children from the slavery of Egypt.
Keep me mindful, Holy One,
that my worth is not in my labor but in my being,
in my rest as well as my toil, by your grace.
Give me faith to practice sabbath and rest
in your great Belonging that is given, not earned.
Amen.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years
Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future
We Choose Welcome

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come."

Mark 7:14, 20

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. **James 1:22**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Dianne Holliman

Georgiann Toole

First Pew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

Indie Asam

William Gibbs

Brad Toole

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)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia.

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 true 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 17**

"Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Merciful God, you call us to be merciful and to practice compassion. You invite us to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all. You put your trust in us yet we do not trust in you. Forgive us. Help us to be in love with you as you are in love with us.

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 True God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

****Hymn 623**

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

***Hymn 625** (vs. 1-2)

"How Great Thou Art"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading (cover)

Interlude

Lesson

James 1:22-25

Sermon

"Lessons from The Looking Glass"

***Hymn 744**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Dona nobis pacem, pacem

Dona nobis pacem

(Grant us peace)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Chorale from 'Finlandia'"

Jean Sibelius

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

I believe that the great tragedy of the church is not that rich Christians do not care about the poor, but that they do not know the poor. Yet if we are called to live the new community for which Christ was crucified, we cannot remain strangers to one another. Jesus demands that we live in a very different way.

Shane Claiborne

Today it is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is very unfashionable to talk with them. **Mother Teresa**

We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out. We stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away.

Gregory J. Boyle

Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.

Rachel Naomi Remen

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