

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 23 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:45 a.m. Expanding our Welcome. FH

Tue 25

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

Wed 26

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practice.
Library

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer
at Canterbury

7:00 p.m. Parish Care. FH

Thu 27

8:00 p.m. Irish music concert. Sanctuary

Sat 29

10:00 a.m. Diaconate meeting. FH

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads group. FH

Sun 30 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22; Psalm 124;

James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. CR 1

1:00 p.m. Youth canoe trip on the river

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 classrooms. We encourage your participation in your children's spiritual education. Contact Amanda Groff via the office for more information.

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES. We will explore and practice various spiritual disciplines including silence, meditative music, insight meditation, passage meditation, loving kindness, and prayer. No experience necessary. Questions? e-mail office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. Facilitated by Larry Neumark. First meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.** SPC library.

SUNDAY SEMINAR. Have you ever wondered what it means to be deeply grateful? Join us as we study Diana Butler Bass' *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. Books in the church office (\$23 or pay what you can). **Sundays at 9:45 a.m. beginning Sept. 30,** Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Oct. 7, 5:00 p.m., (Note new time) Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) needs the following items for their food pantry: tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, pork and beans, macaroni and cheese, syrup, pancake mix, canned fruit, canned chicken, rice, spaghetti sauce. Please place items in the baskets outside the office and in the narthex.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday

September 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Things to Think

Think in ways you've never thought before.

If the phone rings, think of it as carrying a message

Larger than anything you've ever heard,

Vaster than a hundred lines of Yeats.

Think that someone may bring a bear to your door,

Maybe wounded and deranged; or think that a moose

Has risen out of the lake, and he's carrying on his antlers

A child of your own whom you've never seen.

When someone knocks on the door,

Think that he's about

To give you something large: tell you you're forgiven,

Or that it's not necessary to work all the time,

Or that it's been decided that if you lie down no one will die.

Robert Bly

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

Charm deceives, and beauty flies; but she who fears Yahweh is worthy of praise.

Proverbs 31:30

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness, who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth; for their delight is in the Spirit of Love and in Love's heart they dwell day and night. **Psalm 1:1-2** (Merrill)

Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." **Mark 9:36-7**

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. **James 3:8**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Organ

Dianne Holliman

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

William Gonano

Sophia Tuzzio

Mary Ellen Lloyd

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, pacem

Dona nobis pacem

(Grant 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 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, we are so disheartened by wars and systems of exploitation and violence. We give in to fear and surrender our hope in the presence of so much suffering, greed and apathy. Open our hearts that we might renew our trust in the power of Love. Grant us courage, teach us compassion, and help us walk humbly with you in the way of peace.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

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

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

****Hymn 70**

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

First Pew

Parish Life

***Hymn 451**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 9:33-37

Sermon

"Beyond Humility"

***Hymn 702**

"Christ Be Beside Me"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Let there be light and hope

Let there be peace and joy.

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

Robert J. Powell

Affirmation

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***Credo**

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing . . .

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

***Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Prelude in D minor"

J.S. Bach

Humility is facing the truth. It is useful to remind myself that the word itself comes from humus, earth, and in the end simply means that I allow myself to be earthed in the truth that lets God be God, and myself his creature. If I hold on to this it helps prevent me from putting myself at the center, and instead allows me to put God and other people at the center. **Esther de Waal**

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. **Dalai Lama**

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles, but today it means getting along with people. **Mahatma Gandhi**

What is humility? It is that habitual quality whereby we live in the truth of things: the truth that we are creatures and not the Creator; the truth that our life is a composite of good and evil, light and darkness; the truth that in our littleness we have been given extravagant dignity. Humility is saying a radical "yes" to the human condition.

Robert F. Morneau

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* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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