

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 14 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 23:1–9; 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

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

9:45 a.m. Q & A with Jess Cook. Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Migrant Worker dinner. Applecrest Orchard, Hedgesville

Wed 17

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Thu 18

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

Sat 20

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

Sun 21 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1–7 (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship (Preacher: Ethel Hornbeck)

9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall

REV. BILL SITTERLEY will be on vacation October 8-21. During his absence, contact Kathy Reid in the office. Phone messages will be checked daily and forwarded to the appropriate person.

DINNER WITH OUR MIGRANT WORKER FRIENDS Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, **Sunday, October 14, 3-6 p.m.** Bring a side dish to share. Meet at SPC at 2 p.m. for carpooling. Questions? Contact John Gonano, jgonano@hotmail.com.

PEACEFEST: ENGAGING WITH HOPE. A *community gathering in the spirit of St. Francis.* Songs and stories of lament, hope and inspiration. **Sunday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.** Sanctuary

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-eighth Sunday

October 14, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Lightening the Load

The first thing we have to do
is to notice
that we've loaded down this camel
with so much baggage
we'll never get through the desert alive.
Something has to go.

Then we can begin to dump
the thousand things
we've brought along
until even the camel has to go
and we're walking barefoot
on the desert sand.

There's no telling what will happen then.
But I've heard that someone,
walking in this way,
has seen a burning bush.

Francis Dorff, O. Praem

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous[c] hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47

Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:24-25

Preacher
Jess Cook

Piano
Georgiann Toole

Offertory
Ryan Walker

Assistants
Trixie Gibbs
William Gibbs
Ethel Hornbeck
Terry Lindsay

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)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light.
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and in your light we shall see true light

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 36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, Giver of Life, you lead us out of bondage, again and again, and yet our trust in you is fragile. We are impatient, indifferent, and self absorbed. We prefer our own gods, of self sufficiency, illusion and control. Free us yet again. Help us trust the good news of your steadfast love, that we might serve your world, fully and joyfully, in the way and in the Spirit of Jesus.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome

Blessing the World

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

****Hymn 80**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

"Nothing Less Than All We've Got"

***Hymn 372**

"O for a World"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Have You Heard God's Voice?"
Frederick Chatfield

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

The fullness of joy is to behold
God in everything.

Julian of Norwich

The paradox is that we realize
the gate is narrow... We are attached
to so many things, yet we cannot
take anything with us, except love.

James Finley

*Following the Mystics Through
the Narrow Gate*

Transformation of consciousness
will always depend upon a
foundational and sustained
Flow—that we must allow in
both receiving and giving. Only
a personal experience of unconditional,
unearned, and infinite love and
forgiveness can move you from the
normal worldview of scarcity to the
divine world of infinite abundance.
That's when the doors of mercy
blow wide open! That's when we
begin to understand the scale-breaking
nature of grace.

Richard Rohr

We are warmed by fire, not by
the smoke of the fire. We are
carried over the sea by a ship,
not by the wake of a ship. So too,
what we are is to be sought in
the invisible depths of our own
being, not in our outward reflection
in our own acts.

Thomas Merton

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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