

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 21 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall. This week: Habits of Gratitude (CH 3)

Tue 23

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

7:00 p.m. Youth Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 3

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

Wed 24

9:00 a.m. Peacefest planning. Fellowship Hall

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

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

3:00 p.m. Social Justice. Classroom No. 1

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Thu 25

7:00 p.m. Worship committee. Classroom No. 1

8:00 p.m. Concert. Sanctuary. Sponsored by Shepherdstown Music & Dance

Sat 27

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship Hall

Sun 28 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 42:1–6, 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22); Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall. This week: Intentional Practice (CH 4)

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. Classroom No. 1

12:15 p.m. Finance committee. Classroom No. 1

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. 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. This month's dinner will be at JCCM.

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-ninth Sunday

October 21, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Blessing for the Bearers of Hope

Blessed be the ones
who dance
in the corridors of death,
who sing
in the hallways of terror,
who laugh
in the prisons of fear,
who shout
across the silencing walls,
who love
beyond the borders of hatred,
who live
to welcome home freedom,
who die
never turning their heads,
who return
as the rising of hope

Jan Richardson

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. **Job 38:1-4**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **Psalms 104:24**

Jesus said, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." **Mark 10:43-45**

In the days when he was in the flesh, Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and Jesus was heard because of his reverence. Firstborn though he was, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. **Hebrews 5:7-8**

Preacher

Ethel Hornbeck

Organ

Dianne Holliman

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Assistants

Evelyn Groff
Jillian Dillow
Chris Morehouse

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)

Surely it is God who saves us.
We will trust in Love and not be afraid.
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our savior.

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 666**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Blessed Creator, maker of heaven and earth, you are the fountain of life. You fill the earth with fruit and grain. You offer us living streams of water and invite us to follow Love's way. And yet we turn away. We are blind to your beauty and doubt your goodness. We harden our hearts, and hoard your gifts of bread and love. Forgive us. Inspire us to turn around and walk again with you.

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

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

****Hymn 20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Job 38:1-7

Sermon

"Voices in the Whirlwind"

***Hymn 410**

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Richard Shephard

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

"Fugue in E minor"
J.S. Bach

Look. Every rational creature, every person, and every angel has two main strengths: the power to know and the power to love. God made both of these, but [God is] not knowable through the first one. To the power of love, however, [God] is entirely known, because a loving soul is open to receive God's abundance. **The Cloud of Unknowing**

There must be always remaining in every life, some place for the singing of angels, some place for that which in itself is breathlessly beautiful. **Howard Thurman**

It isn't more light we need, it's putting into practice what light we already have. When we do that, wonderful things will happen within our lives and within our world. **Peace Pilgrim**

It still all comes down to the same thing: life is beautiful. And I believe in God. And I want to be there right in the thick of what people call horror and still be able to say: life is beautiful."

Etty Hillesum

*writing from the Westerbrook
Concentration Camp, 1943*

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

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.