

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 28 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tue 30

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

Wed 31

2:00 p.m. Strategic Visioning. Classroom No. 1

Thu 1

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall

Sat 3

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast. Hosted by Rie Wilson

Sun 4 • 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

****Daylight saving time ends. Turn clocks back 1 hour**

Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

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

9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex

9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall. This week: Grateful Together (CH 5)

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. JCCM

7:00 p.m. Peacefest. Sanctuary

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY is November 11. Please return your pledge form on or before then. If you didn't receive one in the mail, let the office know. There are also extra forms in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE will view and discuss **LOCKED IN A BOX**, the award winning 25-minute documentary tracing the lives of individuals who fled their homes in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons and for-profit detention centers. **November 1, 10:00 a.m.** All women of the church are welcome.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. 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.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time
Thirtieth Sunday

October 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.

I Have Learned So Much

I
have
learned
so much from God
that I can no longer
call
myself

a Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim,
a Buddhist, a Jew.

The Truth has shared so much of itself
with me

That I can no longer call myself
a man, a woman, an angel,
or even pure
soul.

Love has
befriended Hafiz so completely
it has turned to ash
and freed
me

of every concept and image
my mind has ever known.

Hafiz

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome

I will bless the Beloved at all times; a song of praise will I sing. My soul speaks to the Beloved continually; let all who suffer hear and be glad.

Psalm 34:1-2 (Nan Merrill)

Then Job said to the Unnamable...I had heard of you with my ear; but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I will be quiet, comforted that I am dust.

Job 42:1, 5-6

(Steven Mitchell, trans.)

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. **Mark 10:51-52**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Assistants

Trixie Gibbs
William Gibbs
Phil Baker-Shenk

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)

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.

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 624**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

In a broken world, O God, reconcile us. In our broken communities, O God, unite us. Draw us to that which creates justice. Inspire us to mold communities of fairness and inclusion. May we remember that each gift we possess has been given to be used for collective liberation. May we remember that our true calling is to recognize the divine humanity in all we encounter. Forgive us all ways we fall short of your vision, and lead us onward towards the beloved community of justice and joy. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

****Hymn 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

First Pew

Parish Life

Minute for Stewardship

Hymn 470

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon

"Turning a Blind Eye"

***Hymn 451**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Open us, *Open our hearts to your love.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Seek Ye First"

Claudio Casciolini

Affirmation

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***Credo**

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God.
We are committed in particular to the full welcome,
acceptance and inclusion of people of all gender identities
within the full life of the church and the world,
and affirm the church's obligation to stand for the right
of all people to live free from discrimination,
violence and every form of injustice.

***Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

There must exist a paradigm, a practical model for social change that includes an understanding of ways to transform consciousness that are linked to efforts to transform structures.

Bell Hooks

Each and every one of us has the capacity to be an oppressor. I want to encourage each and everyone of us to interrogate how we might be an oppressor and how we might be able to become liberators for ourselves and for each other. **Laverne Cox**

Perhaps it is true that only the great lovers of God and other people can look steadily on real human sin and not despair.

Roberta Bondi

Like water, be gentle and strong. Be gentle enough to follow the natural paths of the earth, and strong enough to rise up and reshape the world.

Brenda Peterson

Flowers placed by

John & Helen Burns
in celebration of their
22nd anniversary

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office