

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sun 11 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall.
Thankful & Festive (CH 6)
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee
meeting. Classroom 1

Tue 13

7:00 p.m. LGBTQ youth support meeting.
Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 14

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Thu 15

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom 1

Sat 17

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. More Light dinner. Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group. Hosted by
Tim & Moria Artlip

Sun 18 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*1 Samuel 1:4–20; 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Hebrews
10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25; Mark 13:1–8*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. Classroom 1
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall.
Grateful Society (CH 7)
4:00 p.m. SMA Community Thanksgiving.
New Street United Methodist

NOT GETTING WEDNESDAY NOTICES or prayer concern emails? Let the office know to add you to the lists. office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

SUPPORT LGBTQIA & YOUTH, learn how you can be part of a new effort to create a support group for LGBTQIA+ youth in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. **Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. Contact panhandleyouth@gmail.com for more info.

MORE LIGHT THANKSGIVING. All Are Welcome At Our Table More Light Thanksgiving Meal.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Join us for a wonderful meal and good company in a safe and welcoming space. Bring a side dish or dessert. Questions? Contact Jeananne Stine, jeananne27@gmail.com or Chris Thatcher thatcher.christopher@gmail.com.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR. Projects sponsored this year are: Columbia Accompaniment Program to help pay for peacemakers; PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) to assist immigrants with needs at the border; and Homeless Coalition to help fund hotel rooms for the cold

weather shelter overflow. **Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2**, after each service.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING, Sunday, November 18 4:00 p.m. with reception to follow. Guest Musicians: Shepherdstown Middle School Band & their Elementary School Chorus. Thanksgiving offering goes to Caring Cupboard and JCCM. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

COLDWEATHER SHELTER AT SPC Dec. 8-14. Overnight guests will arrive 7 p.m., leave 7 a.m. Volunteers needed in two separate efforts: morning meals, and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman is needed each night. Contact Paul Hodder, phodder@frontiernet.net if you can help. If you can help with breakfast, or ensure there are adequate supplies, contact Helen Burns, helenhibbardburns@gmail.com.

JOY GIFT POTLUCK - new day, new location. **Sunday, Jan. 6, 5:00 p.m.** Asbury United Methodist Church (across from Morgans Grove Park. Details to follow.

Ordinary Time
Thirty-second Sunday

November 11, 2018
11:00 a.m.

I'm Tired, I'm Whipped

I'm tired
I'm whipped
too dumb to quit
too smart
to let life go by

I'm working hard
to find truth
in my own backyard
I've done everything
but die.

Took the long way around
on a short ride to town
found a pass
where few have been

Gained a love
lost a friend
scraped my knees
learning to please

started out
with no choice

somewhere

somehow

found my
voice.

Nevin Compton Trammell

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GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

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

Opening Prayer

† † † Armistice Bells for Peace † † †

Prayer for Peace

*Hymn 340
"This Is My Song"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Bountiful Love, we are so absorbed in ourselves that we imagine how poor we are. We are convinced we don't have enough: enough honor, respect, love, enough to live on. And so, we refuse to trust in you, we fail to see the emptiness of others, we cling to more than we need. Free us from small hearts and minds. Remind us that we are made for love and show us the way of compassion and peace. In the way and in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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
Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

Ruth 4:14-15

Unless You, O Divine Spirit, make your home within us, we wander through life in vain.

Psalm 127:5 (Merrill)

Jesus continued teaching. "Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end." **Mark 12:38-40**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Conductor

Leslie Williams

Assistants

Patch Sell
Andrew Rolfe
Joan Keith

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.

**Hymn 23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 708

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Anthem

"Love Your Neighbor"
Michael Helman

Lesson

Mark 11: 38 - 40

Sermon

"Question [Religious] Authority"

*Hymn 315

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings and Pledges

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

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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 (2x)

Walk with me and I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I conceive of God, in fact, as a means of liberation and not a means to control others.

James Baldwin

We must never underestimate our power to be wrong when talking about God, when thinking about God, when imagining God, whether in prose or in poetry.

Brian McLaren

Our little systems have their day, They have their day and cease to be. They are but broken lights of Thee And Thou, Oh Lord, art more than they.

Alfred Tennyson

Indeed, a quick glance around this broken world makes it painfully obvious that we don't need more arguments on behalf of God; we need more people who live as if they are in covenant with Unconditional Love, which is our best definition of God.

Robin R. Meyers

FLOWERS PLACED BY

Sidney Lewis
in memory of his mother
Elizabeth Lewis' birthday

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.