

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

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 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, our reconciler, we come before you as a people of folly, who have sought the wisdom of the world. We have built arms and prepared for war, thinking that will bring us peace and security. Yet we find ourselves an anxious people, isolated from one another and from you. We have sought to make ourselves great by pointing out the evil in others. Yet we confess that we, too, are stained with evil. Help us, O God, to know not the folly of the world by the wisdom of Christ, who is our hope. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Blessing the World

Germany, France

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day
of Midian. **Isaiah 9:4**

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after: to live in
the house of the LORD all the
days of my life, to behold the
beauty of the LORD, and to in-
quire in God's temple. **Psalms 27:4**

For Christ did not send me to
baptize but to proclaim the
gospel, and not with eloquent
wisdom, so that the cross of
Christ might not be emptied of
its power. **1 Corinthians 1:17**

Jesus went throughout Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the good news
of the kingdom and curing ev-
ery disease and every sickness
among the people. **Matthew 4:23**

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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.

**Hymn 486 (v. 1, 4)

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

*Hymn 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

“From High Heaven”

F.W. Zachau

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sermon

“To Proclaim the Gospel”

*Hymn 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Abide with Me”

W.H. Monk

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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

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
Send me, Jesus; send me, Lord
Lead me...

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Variation I”

Peter Tchaikovsky

People have an idea that the
preacher is an actor on a stage
and they are the critics, blaming
or praising him. What they don't
know is that they are the actors
on the stage; he (the preacher)
is merely the prompter standing
in the wings, reminding them of
their lost lines.

Søren Kierkegaard

In the new paradigm, what-is-
preached shifts from the Bible or
a passage of the Bible to Gospel
and elements of the world of
Gospel. **Edward Farley**

I preached as never sure to
preach again, and as a dying
man to dying men.

Richard Baxter

It is no use walking anywhere to
preach unless our walking is our
preaching. **Francis of Assisi**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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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 26 • Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Youth bake sale & silent auction to benefit youth mission trip.

9:45 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti. FH

12:15 p.m. More Light group. CR 1

4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Mon 27

6:00 p.m. Screening of *True Justice*.
Byrd Center, SU

Wed. 29

7:30 pm. Choir rehearsal. Choir Room

Fri 31

9:30 a.m. Winter Retreat. Shepherd's Spring
Retreat Center, Sharpsburg, MD

5:15 p.m. Mission committee. CR 1

Fri 31-Sun 2 Youth mission trip to Baltimore

Sun 2 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;

Matthew 5:1-12

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

5:00 p.m. Community dinner.

Zion Episcopal Church

MORE LIGHT Sunday, Jan. 26, 12:15 p.m., Classroom No 1, to discuss plans for the New Year! All are welcome! Contact Chris Morehouse via the office if you have any questions.

HYMN SING Sunday, Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m. Please join us. No need to read music or to possess a performer's voice. We all blend our voices and have fun! Upstairs Choir Room.

FREE SCREENING Join us for a showing of the documentary, *True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality*, **Monday, Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.** at the Byrd Center on the Shepherd University Campus. A post-screening discussion will be led by Julia Sandy of the Shepherd University History Department. Sponsored in part by the SPC Social Justice Committee.

WINTER RETREAT DAY *Cultivating Hope*. **Jan. 31, 9:30-3:30**, Shepherd's Spring Retreat Center, Sharpsburg, MD, led by Trish Stefanik. Cost is \$25 or pay what you can (includes lunch, regular, vegetarian or gluten free). Contact the office to register. We will

gather at Shepherd's Spring at 9:00 a.m. The retreat will start at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SEMINAR *Race, Privilege and Faith*. We are continuing our conversations around racism. We will explore Jennifer Harvey's book, *Dear White Christians*. Books are in the office (\$20 or pay what you can. Also, available on Kindle for \$1.99). Continues **Sunday, Feb. 2, 9:45 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Childcare provided.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Feb. 2, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. 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.

SPC EARTH CARE team is sponsoring a discussion of PCUSA fossil fuel divestment with guest Bill McKibben (online). **Sunday, Feb. 9, 1-2 p.m.** Fellowship Hall.

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday

January 26, 2020

11:00 a.m.

How She Preaches the Gospel

Here in a rustling clearing
We have gathered:
Fragrant pine needles,
Bleached and broken sticks,
Dark dead branches and supple green
Forest leavings
In a cold spring arbor.
Now the rasp of a single match
and one quick flare,
Now a bright crackle, a slender glow,
Now she kneels to blow the fire aflame.
Pretending, we kneel with her,
Unwarmed in the trivial light,
Watching unimpressed
While she, still on her knees,
leans to feed the fragrant fire.
First twigs, sticks, then a log
And another, and another.
We gaze, mouths half-open,
Dully inattentive
As sacred flames begin a jostling dance,
Heat and smoke
Into the cold air rising,
On our heated faces.
She, also, is rising,
Rising,
Rising,
Ascending with holy passion
Until
Heat-roused,
We stand as one.
Christina Berry

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