

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? **Psalm 15**

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:7-8

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:1-3

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. **1 Corinthians 1:27-29**

Preacher

Ethel Hornbeck

Communion

Rev. Robert Close

First Pew

Season Jones

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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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

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 756**

"O God of Every Nation"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ, you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, to reconcile all people to one another and to You, to heal all that is broken. We confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate us from each other and from your creation. Free us. Help us tear down walls of selfishness, apathy, hatred and fear. Fill us with Your Spirit of oneness, and empower us to love, fully and freely, in the way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

****Song**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
All around the neighborhood...

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

***Hymn 822**

"When We Are Living"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

"Air" from 9th Keyboard Suite
GF Handel

Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

"Blessed"

***Hymn 749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Who May Abide"

Henry Ruthven

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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.

***Hymn 765**

"Song of Hope"

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Variation I"

GF Handel

Each of us can become a blessed channel of peace for the healing of Earth's wounds: We can awaken from apathy and find creative, non-violent ways to transform the abuses rampant in today's world.

Nan Merrill

And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that we can make a difference in the world, so we will do the things which others say cannot be done.

A Franciscan Benediction

We hunger and thirst for justice... by making global justice a priority in our lives. This Beatitude requires us to join a grass-roots movement that fights one or two issues of injustice and to get deeply involved in the struggle. Since all issues of injustice are connected, fighting one injustice puts us squarely in the struggle against every injustice.

John Dear

I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.

St. Brigid of Kildare (451 - 523)

Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.

Wendell Berry

* 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 2 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Wed. 5

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
7:00 p.m. Taizé service, prayer in song,
silence and candlelight. Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Pride. FH
7:30 pm. Choir rehearsal. Choir Room

Thu 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. FH
7:00 p.m. EP Youth Alliance. FH

Fri 7

5:00 p.m. Connections movie night. FH

Sat 8

10:00 a.m. Session Budget meeting. FH

Sun 9 • Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20*
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH
1:00 p.m. Earthcare Forum. FH

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome. The bread is gluten free; the "wine" is alcohol free.

SUNDAY SEMINAR *"Race, Privilege and Faith."* This week we will be exploring more about the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), specifically its efforts to encourage a new era of truth telling around our history of racial injustice. We will learn about local efforts connected with the EJI's "Community Remembrance Project," which is designed to enable communities to document and commemorate every lynching that occurred within their boundaries. We will also hear an update about research going on here at SPC to document our own racial history. Next week, we will begin exploring Jennifer Harvey's book: *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. Books are in the office. (\$20 or pay what you can. Also available on Kindle for \$1.99). All are welcome. Childcare provided.

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

WOMEN'S CIRCLE Thursday, February 6, 10 a.m. Marcus Borg's book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, Chapter 6, "The Bible Can Be True Without Being Literally True," and Chapter 8, "The Bible Is Political."

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.

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Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday

February 2, 2020
11:00 a.m.

BLESSED

Blessed are you who are empty handed;
you are in God's hands.

Blessed are you who are brokenhearted;
your broken heart is God's.

Blessed are you who are powerless;
love's power will never fail you.

Blessed are you who wish you were closer to God;
your wishing is God in you.

Blessed are you who are kind;
the universe will be kind to your soul.

Blessed are you who seek Oneness;
you are One.

Blessed are you who stand with the poor
that is where God is standing.

Blessed are you who are wounded
when you stand for justice;
you are embraced, you are enfolded,
you stand among the great.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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