

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood
as to understand,
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving
that we receive,
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying
that we are born
to eternal life.

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INTRODUCTION

We seek to include more and more people in our circles of friendship and ministry. In the Spirit of Christ we seek to make this world as beautiful, wholesome, peaceable, just, and righteous as possible. Thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven is our daily prayer.

The Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church (SPC) was established by Scots Irish Presbyterians in 1743. Through good times and bad times it has been a continuing congregation of Christian faith, work, and witness.

We are a church in the Reformed tradition of Christian faith. Our roots go back through the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church into Judaism. Although we welcome and strive for ecumenical unity and partnership, SPC has a distinctive and peculiar heritage. We are not a generic church. Nor are we static. We are Reformed, and still reforming according to the Word of God.

Our life together is shaped by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)—the *Book of Confessions* and the *Book of Order*. SPC is connected like a vine to local ministries through the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association and to national and global ministries through the Shenandoah Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, the General Assembly (PCUSA), the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches.

We believe that to love God is to love the world, to love our neighbors near and far. We believe that right thinking (orthodoxy) and right living (orthopraxy) go hand in hand.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A house of prayer for all people
Established in 1743

Through daily prayer we cultivate the presence of God's love and grace. In the Spirit of Christ we welcome all people in friendship and ministry, working together for good with God's dream for a world wholly beautiful, just, peaceful and free. We are partners in ministry with the PCUSA and Jefferson County Community Ministries.

Sunday Services

Liturgy of Word & Sacrament
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday school during the later service

Daily Morning Prayer

Psalms and silence
(Monday through Friday)
Sanctuary, 8:00-8:15 a.m.

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Prayer in song and silence
First Wednesdays
Sanctuary
7:30-8:00 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer

Third Sundays
Balcony, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Retreat days are offered periodically

Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.

Romans 12:2

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

Wednesday evenings
7:30 p.m.

October 17, 24, 31 & November 14

"To read the sacred in everyday life, we have to develop new qualities of mind and heart, qualities that open us to the presence of the spiritual within all aspects of existence. No moment, no thing is to be excluded. But like any other kind of reading, reading the sacred requires an alphabet." So begins the "Spiritual Literacy Project," an innovative new DVD-based series that we will begin to explore this fall. We will take up the first four (of a total of 26) "spiritual qualities of mind and heart" offered in this series by watching short video segments on each topic (this series will include *Attention, Beauty, Compassion* and *Devotion*) and then explore together our own reactions, observations, and experiences. This is an opportunity to join together and seek to deepen the capacity to be more fully present in a world of wonders.

*To see a world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wild flower
To hold infinity
in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour.*

William Blake

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Sunday Mornings
9:35 a.m.

October 28 - November 18

These discussions will use short excerpts from the DVD "Living the Questions" to facilitate exploration of a broad range of topics. If you related to the kinds of theological discussion that Marcus Borg's books "The Heart of Christianity" and "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" stimulated, this class will take those discussions to the next level. Excerpts include background information presented by Marcus Borg, John Crossan, Bishop Spong and others from various divinity schools, and form the basis for provocative and open-ended discussion questions.

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PEACEFEST

A Community Gathering

In the Spirit of St. Francis

Pray for Peace on Earth

In Song & Silence

Rock • Folk • Jazz • Reggae

Soundscape Meditation

Sunday, October 7

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening ROUNDTABLE

with Pastor Tremba

September 12, 19, 26

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Discussion of gospel lesson for forthcoming Sunday (please read prior) **plus** any and all questions related to the bible, faith and the church.

Thursday Morning ROUNDTABLE

with Ethel Hornbeck

Beginning September 20

10:00 a.m.

Balcony

Conversation and reflection with and around scripture, poetry and other selected texts.

FALL FORUM

Creation

**Christ and the Cosmos:
A Franciscan Perspective**

Saturday

November 3

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Iliia Delio, OFM Chair and Professor of Spirituality Studies and Director of Franciscan Studies at the Washington Theological Union will engage us in an exploration of the deep wisdom of the Franciscan tradition and its insights on living in a sacramental world of God's goodness. Dr. Delio has written extensively and lectures nationally in the area of Franciscan theology and spirituality with emphasis on integrating Franciscan traditions and contemporary issues. She has a particular interest in the dialogue between religion and science, and is a recipient of the Templeton Course Award in Science and Religion (2000). A prolific author, her most recent book is *Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love*. She holds PhDs in both Historical Theology (Fordham University) and Pharmacology.

Please bring a brown bag lunch.