

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel." **Amos 7:7-8**

God presides in the divine assembly and pronounces judgement among the gods: "how long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the corrupt? Defend the lowly and the orphaned; render justice to the oppressed and the destitute! Rescue the weak and the poor, and save them from the hand of violence!" **Psalms 82:1-4**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **Luke 10:25**

God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. **Col. 1:13**

Guest Preacher

Rev. Jess Cook

Worship Leader

Ethel Hornbeck

First Pew

Jeananne Stine

Assistants

William Gonano

Evelyn Bailey

Terry Lindsay

Organ

Alan Ogden

Piano

Georgiann Toole

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom

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 366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of Abundance you knit us together in love, but we allow scarcity to dominate our lives. We sow seeds of mistrust, and doubt our own capacity for love. We see others as a threat and hunker down in fear. We bear lies about who is worthy of being seen as fully human. We support systems that reinforce these lies. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that we are in this together and keep us grounded in the truth that we are all your beloved children, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

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

New Zealand, Australia

****Song (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.

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Amos 7:7-17; Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

"When We Need to Hear a Heavy-Handed Metaphor"

***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

"Where E'er You Walk"

G.F. Handel/arr. G.M. Martin

Affirmation

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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.

***Song of Hope**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We've been given eyes to see,
but the question becomes, do
we let our hearts be broken by
that reality, and then, do we
act? **Dorothy Day**

Neither love nor terror makes
one blind: indifference makes
one blind. **James Baldwin**

True prophets are almost al-
ways concerned with social, in-
stitutional, national, or corpo-
rate evil and our participation
in it. **Richard Rohr**

Those who have no flame in
their hearts for justice, no con-
sciousness of personal respon-
sibility for the reign of God, no
raging commitment to human
community may, indeed, be
seeking God; but make no mis-
take, God is still, at best, only
an idea to them not a living re-
ality. **Joan Chittister**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

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.

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 14 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tue 16

7:00 p.m. Worship committee. Classroom No. 1

Sat 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 21 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Guest Preacher: Mark Dewey

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

9:30 a.m. Immigrant/Refugee committee. Classroom No. 1

OFFICE CLOSED July 13-21.

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

BOOK BAGS FOR NEEDY KIDS PROGRAM. SPC has been matched with Jefferson High School to help provide needy kids with book bags and basic school supplies. Leave items in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, August 11**. Items needed: larger, durable, new backpacks appropriate to high school age students, notebook paper (college ruled), pencils (regular and mechanical), ballpoint pens, pocket folders, single subject spiral notebooks, tissues.

SHARE YOUR GARDEN surplus with others. Place your surplus vegetables and fruit in boxes or bags and leave in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS and generosity to the church are appreciated again this year. Remember that expenses continue through the summer months. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated. SPC Finance Committee.

DONATE YOUR IRA/RMD. If you are over age 70 1/2, you can donate part or all of your IRA RMD (required minimum distribution) to the church directly. There are tax advantages to doing so, especially if you don't itemize deductions. Contact your IRA custodian to determine the necessary steps. If you would like additional information, contact John Burns, Stewardship Committee Chair.

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Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday

July 14, 2019
11:00 a.m.

PLUMB LINE

A plumb line held straight
by the gravity of love,
without curve or spin of human twist,
plumb line of blessing
unbowed by curse,
unbent by fear or greed,
plumb line seeking, unerring, the center,
all creatures' belovedness and belonging,
the wellbeing of all Creation.

Measure your acts, O human,
judge your policies, O Nation,
by this and no other.

Does it bless without cursing?
Does it serve without stealing?
Does it join and not divide?

God's plumb line
will not slide sideways
to favor some over others,
but loves all dearly;
it will not sway to sacrifice one's thriving
for another's desires.

The ground is uneven but the line is set.
The corrupt tilt their heads;
the wise discern
and build accordingly.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Unfolding Light

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Celebrating 276 Years
Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future
We Choose Welcome