

Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

**Luke 12:15**

Put to death, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed which is idolatry.

**Colossians 3:2-5**

**Guest Preacher**

Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty

**Worship Leader**

Ethel Hornbeck

**First Pew**

Amanda Groff

**Assistants**

Evelyn Groff

EV Gruber

Mica Martin

**Organ**

Alan Ogden

**Offertory**

Than & Mary Anne Hitt

**Sermons & Newsletters**

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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.

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

**Introit (2x)**

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear. Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out and touch the world with your love.

**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 32**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

O God you have blessed us with magnificent abundance, but we live in fear, and we hoard the gifts we receive from you. We worry endlessly about our own needs, and ignore the needs of others. We are stingy with our time, our resources, ourselves. Forgive us. Free us from all that separates us from you, and teach us how to love others as you have loved us.

**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**

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

**\*\*Hymn 48**

"Rain Down"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**Hymn 314**

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

(front cover)

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 12:13-21

**Sermon**

"People Over Possessions"

**\*Hymn 716**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Won't You Come and Sing For Me"

Hazel Dickens

**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.

**\*Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,  
May Her grace and peace abound  
May Her Spirit live within you.  
May Her love wrap you round.  
May Her blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Gratitude for the present moment and the fullness of life now is the true prosperity.

**Eckhart Tolle**

Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them—and receive them from others when we are in need. **Parker Palmer**

*Let Your Life Speak*

The conflict between the narratives of abundance and of scarcity is the defining problem confronting us at the turn of the millennium. The gospel story of abundance asserts that we originated in the magnificent, inexplicable love of a God who loved the world into generous being...the creation is infused with the Creator's generosity, and we can find practices, procedures and institutions that allow that generosity to work.

**Walter Bruggeman**

Where there is greed, what love can there be? **Sikh saying**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

**Flowers placed by**  
the Price family fund

**Blessing Song**

Words & Music by  
Miriam Theresa Winter

**Psalms for Praying,**  
*Invitation to Wholeness*

by Nan C. Merrill  
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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 18 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sat 24**

7:00 p.m. Screening of "Paris to Pittsburgh" followed by discussion. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 25 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Guest Preacher: Mark Dewey

*Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6; Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 13:10–17*

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

**OUR SUNDAY STUDIO KIDS** need teachers! Those wonderful, smart little people need you a few times a year to be their teacher. Contact Amanda Groff via the office.

**RISING 6th GRADERS.** Interested in joining the youth group? Contact Morgan Sell [morgansell311@gmail.com](mailto:morgansell311@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list for upcoming events.

**ATTENTION SPC COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS AND PARENTS.** Cathy Cross is the Deacon Shepherd this school year for our college students, especially those living away from home. Please send names, college, and college address to [catcross@frontiernet.net](mailto:catcross@frontiernet.net), or 304-876-2412. We at SPC want our students to have all the support they need at this special time in their lives. Contact Cathy if you have any questions.

**PARIS TO PITTSBURGH.** From coastal cities to America's heartland, *Paris to Pittsburgh* celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. **Saturday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. For more information go to [www.wvipl.org](http://www.wvipl.org), or [westvaip@gmail.com](mailto:westvaip@gmail.com). Sponsored by the West Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, Eastern Panhandle Sierra Club and Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Sept. 1, 5:00 p.m.,** Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to [PerfectPotluck.com](http://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 CHOIR** rehearsals resume **Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.** All singers 16 years and older are welcome! Questions? Contact Choir Director, Georgiann Toole at [georgiann1@aol.com](mailto:georgiann1@aol.com).

**SPC PICNIC** *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, Sept. 8, 5:00 p.m.,** Morgan's Grove Park. Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: veggie or salad; I-P: dessert; Q-Z: side dish. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact the office if you can help.

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Ordinary Time  
Twentieth Sunday

August 18, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 107**

We give thanks to You, who are the Source of Love;  
whose Light shines forth throughout the universe!  
Come, awaken our hearts that we might do your Work;  
For, without You, we can do nothing;  
'tis your Love that loves through us.  
Gather us in from all the lands,  
from the east and the west,  
from the south and the north.  
Let all who are hungry and thirsty,  
whose souls are faint within them,  
cry out to the Most Merciful to give them succor,  
to nourish them with healing love;  
For fear cannot live where love and gentleness abide.  
Enter into the Great Silence,  
where you may hear the voice of the Beloved,  
Who satisfies the hungry soul,  
and quenches the thirsty with streams of Living Water.

**Nan C. Merrill**

*Psalms for Praying*

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