

I am your very breath; I have been with you from the beginning. Open your heart wide, and I shall fill it. **Psalm 81** (Merrill)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:13

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed.

Luke 14:13-14

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Hebrews 13:1-3

Guest Preacher
Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

Worship Leader
Ethel Hornbeck

First Pew
Season Jones

Assistants
Gino Santacroce
Michael Joyce
Christa Joyce

Piano
Terry Tucker

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)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

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 666**

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God of justice, you lift up the lowly and embrace those the world neglects. But we ignore the oppressed and cling to power and privilege. We hold ourselves apart and above. Forgive our self-centered ways. Help us to live as one family, sharing one world and one table, in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

****Hymn 80**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Sermon

"Cracked Cisterns"

***Hymn 479**

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

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

"Love Be Yours"

Words and Music by Terry Tucker

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

Sit and be still until in the time of no rain you hear beneath the dry wind's commotion in the trees the sound of flowing water among the rocks, a stream unheard before, and you are where breathing is prayer.

Wendell Berry

Love is divine only and difficult always. If you think it is easy you are a fool. If you think it is natural you are blind. It is a learned application without reason or motive except that it is God.

Toni Morrison

All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was.

Toni Morrison

When the well is dry, we know the worth of water.

Benjamin Franklin

* 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 1 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Wed 4

7:00 p.m. Taizé service in song, silence and candlelight

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Thu 5

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. Strategic Issues team. Fellowship hall

Sun 8 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections:

Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33

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

5:00 p.m. SPC picnic. Morgans Grove Park

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Sept. 1, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN This fall the Presbyterian Women are discussing Marcus Borg's book *Convictions. How I Learned What Matters Most*. The book is described as "A Manifesto for Progressive Christians." If you need a copy of the book, contact Rie Wilson via the office. First meeting is **Sept. 5, 10 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome.

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 and clean up after. Contact the office if you can help.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session is calling a congregational meeting for **Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m.** At that time, the Pastor Nominating Committee will offer details about the candidate they are presenting to be our new pastor and why they are so excited to do so. The congregation will then be invited to approve the "terms of call" for this candidate. Everyone is encouraged to make every effort to attend this meeting and hear about the nominee.

SUNDAY SEMINARS begin **September 22, 9:45 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. This fall will focus on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. We'll explore the roots of the universal Christ in the rich history of the Christian tradition. Books in the office for \$20, or pay what you can. Childcare provided.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-second Sunday

September 1, 2019
11:00 a.m.

TABLE BLESSING

To your table you bid us come.
You have set the places, you have poured the wine,
and there is always room, you say, for one more.
And so we come.

From the streets and from the alleys, we come.
From the deserts and from the hills, we come.

From the ravages of poverty
and from the palaces of privilege, we come.
Running, limping, carried, we come.

We are bloodied with our wars, we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us, and we reckon with their ghosts.
We hold the seeds of healing, we dream of a new creation,
we know the things that make for peace, and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table, we come.
Hungering for your bread, we come;
thirsting for your wine, we come;
singing your song in every language,
speaking your name in every tongue,
in conflict and in communion,
in discord and in desire, we come.

○ God of Wisdom, we come

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