

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. **Jeremiah 18:1-4**

It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

**Psalm 139:13-4**

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and Jesus turned and said to them, “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” **Luke 14:27**

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was a slave to you. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. Receive him as a brother.

**Paul’s letter to Philemon**

**Worship Leader**

Ethel Hornbeck

**Reflections**

Judy York  
Jack Young

**First Pew**

Jeananne Stine

**Assistants**

Liam Wohleber  
Sophia Tuzzio  
Emily Gross

**Organ**

Alan Ogden

**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)**

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.

**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 53**

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

O Holy One, your love is bigger, more powerful and more mysterious than we can ever imagine. Again and again you reach out to us, inviting us to life abundant, and compassion without boundary. But we fear what we don’t understand. We make you too small, too tame, too personal. Free us. Expand our vision and enlarge our hearts, that we might grow in love and gratefulness, and follow boldly 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**

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia,  
Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

**\*\*Hymn 19 (vs. 1-3)**  
“God of Great and God of Small”

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**Interlude**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**  
(front cover)

**Reflection**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Hymn 836 (vs. 1-3)**

“Abide with Me”

**Reflection**

Luke 14:25-33

**\*Hymn 69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayer for Others**

O Beloved, *hear our prayer.*

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

“Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving,”  
Johannes Brahms

**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.

**\*Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

We cannot attain the presence of God because we’re already totally in the presence of God. What’s absent is awareness.

**Richard Rohr**

Mature people, at their best, are people who are committed to the common good that reaches beyond private interest, transcends sectarian commitments and offers human solidarity.

**Walter Bruggeman**

The way forward is the way inward—to recover the mystical dimension of life beginning in the human heart as that heart extends into the cosmos. We need to find the Omega center within us, that depth of love that makes each of us unique and distinct, that God-centered love which holds us together moment to moment and constantly creates us anew.”

**Ilia Delio** *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being*

What we’re so amazed to discover is that the liberation we were looking for all along, is incarnate in the very deep acceptance of how precious I am in the unfinished business of my own heart. God’s love for me is already completely given in the midst of my incompleteness. For God there’s nothing missing in the midst of all the missing pieces inside of me.

**James Finley**

\* 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 8 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

**Tue 10**

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Music committee. Classroom No. 1

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

**Wed 11**

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

**Thu 12**

7:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle youth alliance training. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 15 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reflections: Lynn Coddington and Lonce Bailey

*Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10*

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

**SPECIAL OFFERING** for migrant workers (month of September): dry foods (rice, beans, coffee, masa) plus men's clothing and shoes. Please wrap or bag neatly. Place food in bushel baskets in office foyer and clothing in collection nook (on way to nursery).

**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 **Sept. 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.* Books in the office \$20, or pay what you can. Childcare provided.

**EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES** (ESP) third Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m., SPC library beginning **Sept. 18.** All are welcome. Questions or concerns, contact Larry Neumark: neumark@myactv.net.

**LISTENING GROUPS.** Prayerful listening and conversation using poetry and other selected texts. Groups meet on the third Thursday of each month, at 10–11 a.m. in Classroom #1, and 7–8 p.m., in the balcony. All are welcome. Begins **Sept. 19.**

**MIGRANT WORKER'S DINNER** SPC will again provide a dinner of thanks for migrant workers who come to our area this time of year. All are invited to attend. Location: Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, **Sunday, Sept. 29, 4–7 p.m.** There will be a carpool from SPC leaving at 3:30. Bring your favorite dish to share.

**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-third Sunday

**September 8, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

MEDITATION ON PSALM 139

Holy One, Root of Being,  
you are not distant, but within me.  
You are the core of my self;  
you are the stem and I am the flower.  
You are the love from which I radiate.  
You are heart and nerve, and I am your flesh.  
You know my pain; you walk each step;  
you understand my mistakes from the inside.  
You are the treasure within me  
I have not yet discovered.  
You are Presence itself: here, in this moment  
and at the bottom of the sea:  
happy, I am within you;  
depressed, I am still in your heart.  
I can't hide from you, who live in my unconscious.  
My awareness is the tip of your iceberg.  
I flow from you like light from a flame;  
you create me in each breath.  
I do not understand this mystery  
I simply celebrate your grace.  
I open my eyes to see;  
I open my heart to receive you.  
My life is praise. I sing  
with humility, gratitude and joy.

**Steve Garnaas Holmes**

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