

“For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt.”

Jeremiah 8:21

We have become a taunt to our neighbors.

Psalm 79:4

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.

1 Timothy 2:1

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.”

Luke 16:10

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquest

Assistant

Rob Mahaffey

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

Special Music

Women’s Choir

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are 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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

† † †

+Introit 294 (2x)

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away, never dies away.

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.

Prayer

***+Hymn 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer for Wholeness

God of the cross,

Forgive us that sympathy which makes the pain of another more about our own feelings than their reality.

Teach those among us with inordinate power to relinquish it, becoming acquainted with the sorrows of those held down in the mud for so long.

Let daily living undergo a holy metamorphosis, that no structure of injustice would go untouched as we interrogate our every day systems and choices and comforts, and make right where there is wrong.

+Kyrie 575 (2x)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Heleluyan 642, refrain (2x)**

Heleluyan, we are singing. Hele, heleluyan.

Heleluyan, now and always. Hele, heleluyan.

Blessing the World

Nations: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

First Pew

+Response 474, refrain (2x)

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

“Morning Has Broken”

Lesson

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

“Power and Possibility”

***Hymn 649**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Remembering Antietam

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

***Acclamation**

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

† † †

***Yellow Ribbon Ritual, Part 2**

***Sending 383, Refrains 1&2**

Dream on, dream on, children of peace,

till on earth God’s kingdom come.

Hope on, hope on, Easter people:

beyond the cross, a dawning sun!

***Postlude**

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.

Mahatma Gandhi

Man has responsibility, not power.

Tuscarora proverb

Religion is never the problem; it’s the people who use it to gain power.

Julian Casablancas

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.

Alice Walker

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Cole Arthur Riley

@blackliturgies

Lesson Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Flowers

Provided by

Richard & Kathy Klein

In Honor of

Pastor Gusti

Sermons & Information

shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

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.



Sunday, September 18 • Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:15 p.m. Mission Overview - Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Annual Churchwide Picnic - Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

Tuesday, September 20

- 1:00 p.m. Conversation Cafe - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. Listening Group via Zoom

Thursday, September 22

- 6:00 p.m. Communication Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 23

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

Saturday, September 24

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 25 • Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Zoom (Hybrid)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé community. The Opening Hymn is from a prolific Methodist hymn writer set to a Welsh tune, whose name means “delightful.” The Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text. Helelyan is a Muscogee Trail of Tears song testifying to a faith more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. The First Pew Response is a paraphrase of Psalm 131. The Sermon Hymn was written by a former slave-trader whose conversion led him, over time, to repent for that evil. The Sending is a future-oriented Korean composition.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

100 W. Washington Street • PO Box 268, Shepherdstown, West Virginia 25443 • 304-876-6466
office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org • www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist (she/her) • gusti@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org
Morgan Wisniewski (she/her): Director of Campus Ministry • morgansell311@gmail.com
Christa Joyce (she/her): Children and Youth Education Coordinator • jalayoga.christa@gmail.com

Ordinary Time
Twenty-fifth Sunday

September 18, 2022
11:00 a.m.

To Be Alive Is Power

To be alive is Power
Existence in itself
Without a further function
Omnipotence Enough

To be alive and Will!
'Tis able as a God
The Maker of Ourselves be what
Such being Finitude!

Emily Dickinson

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743
Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome