

This day is holy to the LORD your God.

**Nehemiah 8:9**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you.

**Psalm 19**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”

**Luke 4:18**

**Preacher**  
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Assistant**  
Sarah Wagner

**Special Music**  
Matthew Black

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**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**

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**Introit (2x)**

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Recarve the depths your fingers traced  
in sculpting me, in sculpting me.*

**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 69**

“I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see cover page)

**+Kyrie (2x)**

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us. Lord,  
have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**+\*Hallelujah 590 (2x)**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**Blessing the World**

Germany, France

**Response 487, v. 1**

*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

**First Pew**

**Response 487, v. 4**

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize God’s kingdom through our children’s eyes.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 4:14-30, selected verses

**Sermon**

“Good, Hard News”

**\*Hymn 320**

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Service of Ordination and Installation**

**Laying on of Hands**

**Response 300, v.1, 3**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

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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.

**\*Sending (2x)**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*Postlude**

It’s always good news when you’re closer to the truth. **Fabiola Gianotti**

Bad news doesn’t wine. It improves with age. **Colin Powell**

Remember, things can be bad, and getting better. **Hans Rosling**

I’m actually always looking for the good news. **Sophie B. Hawkins**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

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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.



### Sunday, January 26

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a, Luke 4:14–21*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs
- 3:00 p.m. Matthew Black in Concert at SPC – Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 29

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Service – Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Sunday, February 2

*Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 Luke 4:21–30*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion– Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

**SERVICE MUSIC IN JANUARY:** The late 20th Century Introit is from the Taizé Community in France. The Kyrie is a beloved SPC version from Stefan Waliger. The Hallelujah is a traditional liturgical text. The 21st Century Introduction and Response to First Pew emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism; originally written in French and paired with a 15th Century French tune. The Sending is from the Taizé Community.

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** The mid 20th Century Opening hymn, written by a British Methodist minister, pairs an image of the servant church with a mid 18th Century tune. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn reflects the call of God and the faithful human response.

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Ordinary Time  
Third Sunday

January 26, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

### The Good News, *excerpt*

They don't publish  
the good news.  
The good news is published  
by us.  
We have a special edition every moment,  
and we need you to read it.  
The good news is that you are alive,  
and the linden tree is still there,  
standing firm in the harsh Winter.  
The good news is that you have wonderful  
eyes  
to touch the blue sky.  
The good news is that your child is there  
before you,  
and your arms are available:  
hugging is possible. ...

**Thich Nhat Hanh**

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