

Job still persists in his integrity. **Job 1:3**

As for me, I walk in my integrity. **Psalms 26:11**

“In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” **Hebrews 2:12**

“Let the children come to me.” **Matthew 10:14**

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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 (4x)
*A great longing is upon us
to live again in a world made of gifts.*

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 true God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Belonging

***Hymn 506**
“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

Prayer for Hope (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)
*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+* Alleluia 587 (2x)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World
Liberia, Sierra Leone

Response 36, v. 1
*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

First Pew

Response 36, v.3
*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

**Welcome and Parish Life
Moment for Stewardship**

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Matthew 9:10-12

Sermon
“On Meaning, Hope, Belonging: The Welcome Table”

***Hymn 770**
“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

*Expansive language option:
may substitute “all my siblings”
for “sisters, brothers”*

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“A Song of Autumn,” James Kirby

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Guns to Gardens Blessing

***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

***Sending (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.*

***Postlude**

Hope is patience with the lamp lit. **Tertullian**

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.
Desmond Tutu

You’re imperfect, and you’re wired for struggle, but you are worthy of love and belonging.
Brene Brown

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
Mother Teresa

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Call to Worship
Jan Richardson

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Sanctuary Flowers
Provided by
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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, October 6 • Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 26, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12, Mark 10:2–16

- 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 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing Returns - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Friday, October 11

- 11:00 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal – Upstairs hallway outside choir room

Saturday, October 12

- 11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens Community Event
Shepherdstown Fire Dept./Barron Hall

Sunday, October 13 • Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 22:1–15 Psalm 90:12–17 Hebrews 4:12–16 Mark 10:17–31

- 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 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a chant by Laurence Cole, based on the writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer. The early 21st Century Opening Hymn celebrates the radical hospitality of Christ's welcome. The late 20th Century Kyrie and Alleluia are traditional liturgical texts. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a familiar Welsh tune. The Sermon Hymn is an African American Spiritual. The Communion Response is the refrain from a late 20th Century hymn for the table. The Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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Ordinary Time

Twenty-eighth Sunday

October 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Ordinary Mysticism, excerpt

You don't have to enter a monastery to be a mystic.
You don't have to renounce chocolate or forsake pop culture.
It is not necessary to take formal vows
and beat yourself up when you inevitably fail to uphold them.
These are static notions of what it means
to be committed to the life of the soul,
and they probably have almost nothing to do
with the warm and spicy sprawl of your days.
To be a mystic in our times is not about renunciation;
it is about intention. ...

When you say yes to cultivating a mystical gaze,
the ordinary world becomes more luminous,
imbued with flashes of beauty and moments of meaning.
The universe responds to your willingness to behold the holy
by revealing almost everything as holy.
A plate of rice and beans,
the Dow Jones Industrial Average,
your new baby,
the latest political scoundrel,
the scary diagnosis,
the restless nights.

You can start right here,
in the middle of your messy life.

Mirabai Starr

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We Choose Welcome