

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with Moses there and proclaimed the name, "The LORD."

Deuteronomy 34:5

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. **Psalm 90:1**

Our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery.

1 Thessalonians 2:3

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" **Matthew 22:36**

Guest Preacher

Rev. Dwight McCormick

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William Gonano
Bill Rule

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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 triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Forgiveness

*+Hymn 470

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Prayer for Forgiveness

Each moment things forgive us. All our hours
Are crowded with rich penitence unknown
Even to us. Shot birds and trampled flowers,
And worms that we have murdered with a stone
In idle sport - yes, and the well whose deep,
Translucent, green and solitary sleep
We stirred into harsh wrinkles with a stick.
Red mud that we have bound into a brick,
Old wood that we have wrought into a bark,
Flame in the street-lamp held to light the dark,
And fierce red rubies chiseled for a ring. ...
We are forgiven each hour by everything!

+Response 437 (2x)

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 447 (2x)

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Blessing the World

Liberia, Sierra Leone

+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.*

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

Moment for Stewardship

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Jonah 3:3-4:10

Sermon

"Forgiving God"

*+Hymn 779

"How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Litany of Youth Affirmation

(see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Lead me, Lord"
Samuel Wesley

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*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 383, v. 1-2 (intro)

*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

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis B. Shedes

True forgiveness is when you can say, "Thank you for that experience."

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No one lands where they aim. Not even God.

Mark Nepo

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Forgiveness

Marianne Williamson

Prayer for Forgiveness

H. Chattopadhyaya, *adapted*

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

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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 29 • Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 10:15 a.m. Usher Meeting - Classroom 1
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:15 p.m. Reception for Rev. McCormick
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class - Pastor Gusti's Office
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing the Animals, Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

Monday, October 30

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, November 1

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 2

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar - The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

Saturday, November 4

- 7:30 p.m. Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 5 • Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 3:00 p.m. Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra Concert - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, by Laurence Cole, brings the words of Robin Wall Kimmerer into the form of a chant, teaching us Nature's wisdom of generosity and reciprocity. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn describes why we pray. The Response to the Prayer for Forgiveness is a "short song" from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a song from the Muscogee Trail of Tears. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Psalm 131. The early 21st Century Sermon Hymn leads from abandonment and despair to remembrance and praise. The Sending is based on a future oriented Korean text, seeking the peaceful reunification of peoples living in the Korean peninsula.

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Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Fire

You contain more
Than the red and the purple and the orange
Which I see:
If I dared to tear you to shreds with my hands
I would find that you contain also water,
And ice, and even blackish-brown earth,
To make beautiful things with.

Max Michelson

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