


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 5 • World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday
Lamentations 1:1–6 Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:5–10
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
5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Wednesday, October 8
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 9
11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Friday October 10
2:00 p.m. Collaboration Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 11
9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 12
Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
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Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn was written to provide non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The Response to the Prayer for Sabbath, sung in Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic, dates to the late 18th century. The Response to the Declaration is an African American spiritual. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew and the Communion Response are from contemporary peace activist Stephen Waligur. The Sermon Hymn is a future-oriented Korean text. The Sending is based on an Arabic greeting.

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Ordinary Time
Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025
11:00 a.m.

If I Must Die

If I must die,
you must live
to tell my story
to sell my things
to buy a piece of cloth
and some strings,
(make it white with a long tail)
so that a child, somewhere in Gaza
while looking heaven in the eye
awaiting his dad who left in a blaze—
and bid no one farewell
not even to his flesh
not even to himself—
sees the kite, my kite you made, flying up above
and thinks for a moment an angel is there
bringing back love
If I must die
let it bring hope

Refaat Al-Areer

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