

The Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.

**Judges 4:3**

We have had more than enough of contempt.

**Psalms 123:3**

Encourage one another and build up each other.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

**Matthew 25:21**

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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 (2x)**

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

*Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.*

### **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 (see insert)

“For Everyone Born”

### **Prayer for Repair**

These rivers remember their ancient names,  
*Ha-ha Wa'-kpa*, where people moved  
in harmony thousands of years  
before trade became more valuable than lives.

In their songs, the wind held  
on to visions. Let’s drop our burdens  
and rest. Let’s recognize our need  
for awe. South of here, the rivers  
meet and mingle. Bridges and roads,  
highway signs, traffic ongoing.

Sit where there’s a center  
and a drum, feel the confluence  
of energies enter our hearts  
so their burning begins to matter.

### **+Response 455 (2x)**

*Listen to the Word that God has spoken.*

*Listen to the One who is close at hand.*

*Listen to the voice that began creation.*

*Listen even if you don’t understand.*

### **Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

\*+Response 642 (2x)

*Heleluyan, we are singing. Hele, heleluyan.*

*Heleluyan, now and always. Hele, heleluyan.*

### **Blessing the World**

Ghana, Nigeria

### **+Response 21, v.1**

*Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.*

*Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;*

*thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.*

*Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.*

### **First Pew**

### **+Response 21, v.2**

*Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.*

*Come unto us and dwell with us.*

*With thee are found the gifts of life.*

*Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.*

### **Welcome and Parish Life**

### **THE WORD OF HOPE**

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### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

Matthew 25:41-46

### **Sermon**

“Repairing the Breach”

\*+Hymn (see insert)

“Impartial, Compassionate, God of All Lives”

### **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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### **Prayer for Others**

### **Prayer for Transgender Day of Remembrance**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

“Love Your Neighbor”

*Michael Helman*

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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 (2x)**

*Jesus be with us. Help us each day*

*to follow the gospel and live as we pray.*

*Send us your Spirit and show us your way.*

*Jesus, be with us today.*

### **\*Postlude**

Love is a breach in the walls, a broken gate.

**Rupert Brooke**

The breach would be ...  
pretending we can address  
the nation’s wounds with  
simplistic calls for unity.

**William Barber**

We accept the breach as an  
invitation to repair: piece  
by piece, thread by thread,  
we heal together.

**Richard Rohr**

Perhaps someday, it will be  
said about us that we were  
repairers of the breach.

**John Zehring**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### **Prayer for Repair**

Roberta Hill, *Oneida*

### **Lesson Translation**

Gusti Linnea Newquist

### **White Rose**

In Loving Memory of  
Claire Stuart

### **Flowers**

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### **Sermons & Information**

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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.



Ordinary Time  
Thirty-third Sunday

November 19, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, November 19 • Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

**Monday, November 20**

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) - Classroom 1
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Tuesday, November 21**

- 1:00 p.m. Handbell rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Choir Room

**Thursday, November 23 • Happy Thanksgiving Day! • Church Office Closed**

**Friday, November 24 • Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 25**

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Shepherdstown Music & Dance sponsored concert - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Shepherdstown Music & Dance sponsored concert - Sanctuary

**Sunday, November 26 • Reign of Love Sunday**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46*

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn originated as a late 20th Century affirmation of God's wildly inclusive hospitality, written by a noted New Zealand hymn writer, and is revised by Avery Arden, author of *Binary-Breaking Worship*, to expand the table even wider. The Response to the Prayer for Contemplation and Action is a short song from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a Muscogee Trail of Tears song. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Dakota chant. The Sermon Hymn comes from *Songs for the Holy Other: Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community*. The Sending was written to support the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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**The Powwow at the End of the World**

I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after an Indian woman puts her shoulder to the Grand Coulee Dam and topples it. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after the floodwaters burst each successive dam downriver from the Grand Coulee. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after the floodwaters find their way to the mouth of the Columbia River as it enters the Pacific and causes all of it to rise. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after the first drop of floodwater is swallowed by that salmon waiting in the Pacific. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after that salmon swims upstream, through the mouth of the Columbia and then past the flooded cities, broken dams and abandoned reactors of Hanford. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after that salmon swims through the mouth of the Spokane River as it meets the Columbia, then upstream, until it arrives in the shallows of a secret bay on the reservation where I wait alone. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after that salmon leaps into the night air above the water, throws a lightning bolt at the brush near my feet, and starts the fire which will lead all of the lost Indians home. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall after we Indians have gathered around the fire with that salmon who has three stories it must tell before sunrise: one story will teach us how to pray; another story will make us laugh for hours; the third story will give us reason to dance. I am told by many of you that I must forgive and so I shall when I am dancing with my tribe during the powwow at the end of the world.

**Sherman Alexie, Spokane**

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