

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **Joel 2:24**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.

Timothy 2:1

“And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?”

Matthew 6:27

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant

Libby Howard

Song Leader

Brad Toole

Accompanists

Georgiann Toole

Tech Crew

Mark Nutwell

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

Piano intro

1x Song Leaders Sing

1x Song Leaders Sing; Congregation Hums

1x All Hum

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be given unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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 Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Prayer

+Sung Response

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Prayer for Wholeness

Ears, be opened, to hear the song of God.

Eyes, be opened, to see with love.

Heart, be opened, to trust the blessing.

Mind, be opened, to accept what I have not yet seen.

Lips, be opened, to utter grace.

Heaven, be opened, that I may be close to God.

Soul, be opened, to receive the Beloved who is here.

People, be opened to the miracle among you.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Alleluia**

Blessing the World

The seas and continents

First Pew From a Distance

+Response

“These Treasured Children”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 6:24-33

Sermon

“A Provisional Demonstration ...”

***+Response**

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

Stewart Acuff, John King, Patti McCarthy, Siri McDonald, Diana Wesley

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

***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 Response**

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The cautious faith that never saws off a limb on which it is sitting, never learns that unattached limbs may find strange unaccountable ways of not falling.

Dallas Willard

When the tears abated and my vision finally cleared, I was astounded to find that I had always been surrounded by everything that I needed.

Craig Lounsbrough

I can make a good argument about how God won't have to be bothered with me every day if He would only advance me about ten years worth of bread. **Gayle Erwin**

The trail will only provide if you accept its offer.

Ben Crawford

Affirmation

I give thanks to every giver and to the One Source of all that is

Prayer for Wholeness

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Scripture Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Flowers

many generous donations from the Congregation

+Hymns

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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, November 21 • Christ the King

2 *Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18); Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting in Person and via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

3:00 p.m. Advent Worship Planning Team Meeting via Zoom

Monday, November 22

5:30 p.m. EPYA Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 23

1:00 p.m. Worship Team Planning Meeting via Zoom

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

Thursday, November 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING -

Friday, November 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer - SPC Balcony & via Zoom

Sunday, November 28 • First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! 8:30 service: Daryl Kuster, Reneé Nutwell; 11am service: Stewart Acuff, John King, Patti McCarthy, Siri McDonald, Diana Wesley (via Facebook Live!)

ALTERNATIVEGIFTMARKET The Mission Committee invites you to join SPC's partnership with Habitat and help pay for building materials for a house for the Abrahante family on Sage Place. Give an alternative holiday gift in the name of someone you love. Pick up a flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

BIRTHING HOPE: Advent Labor through an Ongoing Pandemic. November 28 - December 24, 2021. The story of Christmas,

in hindsight, is a promise of hope through a time of despair. But what if we did not know the end of the story? What if, like a pandemic, the time before Christmas is full of fits and starts, opening up and closing back down, humming and clinging to hope we will one day sing again? Join our Advent Labor of Love this year, as we Birth Hope through an Ongoing Pandemic.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, Tuesday, November 30, 3pm. McMurrin Hall. Join Shepherd students in a solemn ceremony to name the victims of violence against transgender people and commit ourselves to a world of justice and grace.

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Reign of Love

November 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean--
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down--
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver

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