

The God of Israel has spoken. **2 Samuel 23:3**

Let us go to God's dwelling place. **Psalms 132:7**

So it is to be. Amen. **Revelation 1:7**

"For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." **John 18:37**

**Guest Preacher**  
Rev. Harry Daniel

**Assistant**  
Brian Dettling

**Choir Director**  
Sheila Melendez

**Offertory**  
Handbell Ensemble

**Accompanist**  
Terry Tucker

**Tech Support**  
Mark Nutwell

**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 Wholeness**

**\*Hymn 372**  
"O for a World"

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see insert)

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

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**+\*Alleluia 642, refrain (2x)**  
*Heleluyan, we are singing, Hele, heleluyan.  
Heleluyan, now and always, Hele, heleluyan.*

**Blessing the World**  
Europe, South America

**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 Social Justice**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**  
1 Peter 3:8

**Sermon**  
"Living in a Violent World Without Becoming Violent"

**Hymn 379**  
"We Shall Overcome"

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**  
"We Gather Together"

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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)**  
*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**

The hardest challenge is to be yourself in a world where everyone is trying to make you be somebody else.

**e. e. cummings**

You change the world by being yourself.  
**Yoko Ono**

When we heal ourselves, we heal the world.  
**Mark Nepo**

I can't change the world, but I can change the world in me. **U2**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Call to Wholeness**  
Jack Kornfield

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

**Prayer for Ourselves and The World**  
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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  
Reign of Love Sunday

November 24, 2024  
11 a.m.

**Sunday, November 24 • Reign of Love Sunday**

*Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b–8 John 18:33–37*

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

**Thursday, November 28 • Happy Thanksgiving!**

Church Office Closed

**Friday, November 29**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, November 30**

9:00 a.m. Choir Retreat – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Choir Room

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Library area

**Sunday, December 1 • First Sunday of Advent**

*Malachi 3:1–4 Luke 1:68–79 Philippians 1:3–11 Luke 3:1–6*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Agape Meal – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Agape Meal – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

When they hate, I will love,  
When they curse, I will bless,  
When they hurt, I will heal.  
I am a servant of the light,  
I am not afraid of the darkness,  
I will carry on with my work as a steward  
of this Earth and of all her children.  
When they divide, I will unite.  
When they rage, I will calm,  
When they deny, I will affirm.  
I will simply be who I am: for that is what  
Spirit created me to be.

**Steven Charleston**

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is a chant by Laurence Cole, based on the writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn is a summons to participate in God's desire for radical *shalom*. The late 20th Century Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text. The Alleluia is the refrain of a Muskogee Trail of Tears song. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a familiar Welsh tune. While the Sermon Hymn is now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this African-American spiritual most likely dates from the Daves of the slave trade The Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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