

The entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Joshua 3:17

God turns a desert into pools of water.

Psalms 107:35

You remember our labor and toil, siblings.

1 Thessalonians 2:9

“You have one teacher, and you are all siblings.”

Matthew 23:8

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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 69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Prayer for Contemplation and Action

Holy God, by your Word and Spirit,
come and transform your church
to be a living sign of your love for the world -
where the poor are filled with good things,
the dividing walls are broken down,
and the dead are raised to new life.

+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

Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

+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

Stewardship Impact

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

“Contemplation and Action”

***+Hymn (insert)**

“Jesus, Be With Us”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Create in Me a Pure Heart”

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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 refrain, (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**

Action is the stream,
and contemplation is the
spring. **Thomas Merton**

Whoever wishes to hold
the fortress of contempla-
tion must first of all train
in the camp of action.

Pope Gregory

Reflection and action must
never be undertaken inde-
pendently. **Paulo Freire**

What we plant in the soil
of contemplation, we shall
reap in the harvest of ac-
tion. **Meister Eckhart**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

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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
All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023
11:00 a.m.

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
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class - Pastor Gusti's Office
- 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

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7 • Office Hours 8 am - 12 pm Today Only

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

Thursday, November 9

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Friday, November 10 • Church Office Closed

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

Saturday, November 11

- 7:30 p.m. Masterworks Chorale Performance in the Frank Center at Shepherd

Sunday, November 12 • Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. After Worship Light Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Aging Faithfully, Tea & Discussion - Classroom 1
Monthly Hymn Sing - Sanctuary

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn describes the call of God and the human response. 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 21st Century Sermon Hymn was written to support the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Communion Hymn arises from earth-based spirituality. The Sending repeats the refrain of the Sermon Hymn.

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Prayer for Words

Here is the wind bending the reeds westward,
The patchwork of morning on gray moraine:

Had I words I could tell of origin,
Of God's hands bloody with birth at first light,
Of my thin squeals in the heat of his breath,
Of the taste of being, the bitterness,
And scents of camas root and chokecherries.

And, God, if my mute heart expresses me,
I am the rolling thunder and the bursts
Of torrents upon rock, the whispering
Of old leaves, the silence of deep canyons.
I am the rattle of mortality.

I could tell of splintered sun. I could
Articulate the night sky, had I words.

N. Scott Momaday, Kiowa

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