

I brought you into a plentiful land. **Jeremiah 2:7**

Sing aloud to God our strength. **Psalms 81:1**

Let mutual affection continue. **Hebrews 13:1**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. **Luke 14:11**

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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 281 (6x)
Holy Spirit, come to us.

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

***+Hymn 436**
“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response 288 (2x)
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 293, v. 1 (2x)**
Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Blessing the World
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

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
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon
“Humility and Hospitality”

***Hymn 525**
“Let Us Break Bread Together”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Special Music
“Come to the Table,” *Sidewalk Prophets*

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Prayer of St. Frances”

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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.

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***Sending 526**
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Postlude**

We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility. **Rabindranath Tagore**

Life is a long lesson in humility. **James M. Barrie**

True hospitality is a delicate balance of warmth and form. **Sheila Ostrander**

Hospitality is simply love on the loose. **Joan D. Chittister**

*Please rise in body and spirit.


Call to Prayer
Nan Merrill, *adapted*

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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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, August 31

Jeremiah 2:4–13 Psalm 81:1, 10–16 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Luke 14:1, 7–14
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Monday, September 1

Labor Day Holiday Church Office Closed

Thursday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Meck, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

Saturday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Deacon’s Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Sunday, September 7

Jeremiah 18:1–11 Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14:25–33
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn evokes confidence in God’s provision, even as the future remains uncertain. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Survival was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The mid 19th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew was written in the Dakota language to fit the Dakota tune. The Sermon Hymn is set to a Jamaican folk melody. The Communion Response is an African American Spiritual.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-second Sunday

August 31, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Places

To live every moment
so as never to place yourself
above anyone.

To lift those
who’ve been put
in low places.

To do away
with places.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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