

“The time of singing has come.”

**Song of Solomon 2:2**

My heart overflows with a goodly theme.

**Psalms 45:1**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.

**James 1:17**

“This people honors me with their lips.”

**Mark 7:6**

**Preacher**

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**Assistant**

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**Offertory**

Than and Mary Anne Hitt

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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 507, v. 1 (2x)**

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.*

*This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.*

*Come to the table of grace.*

**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 Worship**

**\*Hymn 537**

“When at This Table”

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see insert)

**+Response 507, v. 2 (2x)**

*Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.*

*This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.*

*Come to the table of peace.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**+Response 507, v. 3 (2x)**

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.*

*This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.*

*Come to the table of love.*

**Blessing the World**

Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

**Response 507, v. 4 (2x)**

*Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.*

*This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.*

*Come to the table of hope.*

**First Pew**

**Response 507, v. 5 (2x)**

*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.*

*This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.*

*Come to the table of joy.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

**Sermon**

“The Singing Time”

**\*Hymn 533**

“In the Singing”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Winter’s Come and Gone,” Gillian Welch

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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 498, v. 4**

*By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.*

*By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of love outpoured,  
Jesus feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

**Postlude**

**Ode to Bread, excerpt**

We will fight for you instead, side by side with the others, with everyone who knows hunger.

We will go after you in every river and in the air.

**Pablo Neruda**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**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, September 1 • Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 Psalm 15 James 1:17–27 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Gathering with Pastor Gusti – Lower Level
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

### Monday, September 2 • Labor Day Holiday

Church Offices Closed

### Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room

### Thursday, September 5

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

### Sunday, September 8 • Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Psalm 125, Psalm 146, James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17, Mark 7:24–37*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit and the Responses to the Ritual Blessing, Declaration, Blessing the World, and First Pew are the verses from a 21st Century communion chant. The early 21st Century Opening Hymn reveals the personal and global connections we share around the table. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn is often used as a communion chant. The late 20th Century Communion Chant is from the Taizé Community. The lyrics of the early 21st Century Sending Hymn reflect the collapsing of past, present, and future in the sacrament of communion and is paired with a mid 19th Century tune.

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Ordinary Time  
Twenty-third Sunday

September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

#### Ode to Bread, excerpt

... You line up  
on the baker's  
powdered trays  
like silverware or plates  
or pieces of paper  
and suddenly  
life washes  
over you,  
there's the joining of seed  
and fire,  
and you're growing, growing  
all at once  
like  
hips, mouths, breasts,  
mounds of earth,  
or people's lives. ...

**Pablo Neruda**

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