

The earth shall mourn
and the heavens above
grow black.
Jeremiah 4:28

You would confound the
plans of the poor, but the
LORD is their refuge.
Psalms 14:6

I received mercy.
1 Timothy 1:13

“There is joy in the pres-
ence of the angels of God
over one sinner who re-
pents.” **Luke 15:10**

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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 (7x)
Breathe in, present moment.
Breathe out, wonderful moment.

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 Sabbath
***+Hymn 52**
“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

Prayer for Sabbath
O God, you hear the cry of the oppressed.
Sabbath is God’s gift: freedom from bondage.
Pharaoh demands endless toil, but you set us free.
Sabbath is God’s gift: freedom from bondage.
In Christ, captives are released and burdens lifted.
Sabbath is God’s gift: freedom from bondage.

+ Response (7x)
Let things ripen and then fall.
Force is not the way at all.
Just let go and we will see.
The way to do is to be.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 843** (7x)
My soul is at rest in God alone.
My salvation comes from God.

Blessing the World
Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

Response 474, refrain (2x)
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

First Pew

Response 474, refrain (2x)
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sermon
“Sabbath and the Cry for Freedom”

***Hymn 72**
“By the Babylonian Rivers”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Remembering Antietam

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Freedom Is Coming”

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Yellow Ribbon Ritual

***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** (7x)
Out beyond ideas
There is a field
There is a field
I will meet you there

***Postlude**

The only way to deal
with an unfree world is to
become so absolutely free
that your very existence is
an act of rebellion.
Albert Camus

The purpose of freedom is
to create it for others.
Nelson Mandela

Liberty, taking the word in
its concrete sense, consists
in the ability to choose.
Simone Weil

Freedom is the oxygen of
the soul. **Moshe Dayan**

*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 14

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12–17 Luke 15:1–10
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 Gathering – Downstairs
3:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic – Morgan’s Grove Park Pavilion

Monday, September 15

2:00 p.m. Mission Collaboration Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, September 20

2:30 p.m. Celebration of Life Service: John Lacey – Sanctuary & Facebook Live!
A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 21

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 Timothy 2:1–7 Luke 16:1–13
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

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, Response to the Prayer for Sabbath, and Sending are from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn is an African American spiritual. The Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is based on Psalm 131. The Sermon Hymn is based on Psalm 137 and set to a Latvian melody.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-fourth Sunday

September 14, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Freedom

I talk to the students in jail about freedom, how in America
we obsess over it, write it over flags on T-shirts, spread

it around under eagles. It has something to do with guns
and fireworks, Harley-Davidsons, New Hampshire, living free

until you’re dead. I tell the students I think the people
fetishizing freedom don’t mean it. That they really mean

LOOK OVER HERE, AWAY FROM ALL THE SLAVERY
WE DID, AWAY FROM ALL THE JAIL! I tell them they

are the experts, ask them to write what freedom means:
privacy is freedom and if you feel held back, afraid

*to do something, you’re not completely free. No fear
of loss. No fear of hunger, no fear of pain. A body*

*to call my own, a voice driven by my own mind.
The security of a dry, warm place to sleep. To own*

*my own time left here. Being able to hold my son
at night. Showering in private. Freedom to me*

is having the choice to walk away from a fight. Freedom
a work in progress. Everyday freedom, the real work for us all.

Jill McDonough

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We Choose Welcome