

Those who listen to me
will be secure.

Proverbs 1:33

The heavens are telling
the glory of God.

Psalms 19:1

All of us make many
mistakes.

James 3:2

“What will it profit them
to gain the whole world
and forfeit their life?”

Mark 8:37

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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 399 (2x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

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 322**

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”

*Choir sings once in English, followed by congregation
Choir sings once in Spanish, followed by congregation*

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+ Special Music Response

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Blessing the World

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

Response 487, v. 1

*These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4

*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community;
empower us to realize
God’s kin-dom through our children’s eyes.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Choral Interlude

“Let Justice Flow”

Lesson

Leviticus 19:34

Sermon

“On Inclusivity: The Citizen Among Us”

***Hymn 323**

“Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Remembering Antietam

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Love Your Neighbor,” *Michael Helman*

Yellow Ribbon Ritual

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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**

*Walk with me, and I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through!*

Postlude

Inclusion is not a matter of
political correctness. It is
the key to growth.

Jesse Jackson

Inclusion is the only safety
if we are to have a peace-
ful world.

Pearl S. Buck

Diversity is a fact. Inclu-
sion is an act.

Zabeen Hirji

“Exclusive.” **Carl Sand-
burg** on the ugliest word
in the English language.

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

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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
Twenty-fifth Sunday

September 15, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 15 • Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4, Psalm 116:1–9, James 3:1–12, Mark 8:27–38

- 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

Tuesday, September 17

- 11:30 a.m. Guns to Gardens Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18

- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, September 20

- 11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Upstairs hallway outside choir room

Saturday, September 21

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 22 • Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 1, Psalm 54, James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a, Mark 9:30–37

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn is a Latin American corito: a short, lively folk song based on Scripture. The late 20th Century Kyrie is a traditional liturgical chant. The early 21st Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew emphasize the covenantal dimensions of baptism. The early 21st Century Sermon Hymn honors the diversity of indigenous expressions of faith, unencumbered by Western expectations and practices. The late 20th Century Sending is the refrain from a song about biblical characters who, at first, seemed likely to be unimportant, but then became major turning points in the story of God’s inclusive love.

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**I Find the Earring that Broke Loose from My Ear
the Night a White Woman Told Me
the World Would Save Her, excerpt**

I remember:

that earring made me feel so free, so full of beauty—the kind that you might notice. Beauty that could make my shoulders glow. I remember her face, alight with a devious curiosity in the porchlight of the house party—that party in that city which slathered a film over its racism with clean streets and yard signs proclaiming inclusion. That city in that American state which legally excluded Black residents in 1844, which entered the union, big, proud, and white. Does it matter that this woman was not evil, did not send bombs to kill children in a far-off country, did not buy or sell a single slave? Picking up the earring, unwearable until I find another hook on which to hang it from my ear, I remember, again, the words and their cool sting. *I’m a white woman, people protect us. ...*

Ashley M. Jones

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