

Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.
Jeremiah 32:15

You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day.
Psalms 91:5

If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **1 Timothy 6:8**

“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”
Luke 16:31

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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 300**
“We Are One in the Spirit”

Prayer for Sabbath
O God, you call us to holy release.
Sabbath is God’s gift: renewal for all.
Debts forgiven, slaves set free, land given rest.
Sabbath is God’s gift: renewal for all.
In your grace, all creation shares abundance.
Sabbath is God’s gift: renewal for all.

+ 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
The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar,
Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

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
Leviticus 25:4
Deuteronomy 15:1-18, selected verses

Sermon
“Introducing the Sabbatical Year”
***Hymn 308**
“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others
Offering Our Gifts
Offertory
“Fantasia of Wondrous Love”

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

***Postlude**

I need to take a sacred pause, as if I were a sun warmed rock in the center of a rushing river.
Dawna Markova

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
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Sunday, September 28

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 1 Timothy 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31

- 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 & Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Special Activity – Chris Madeo’s “entertainment barn”
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5

Lamentations 1:1–6 Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:5–10

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, Response to the Prayer for Sabbath, and Sending are from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn was written for ecumenical, interracial events during the Civil Rights Movement. 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 emphasizes the mutual ministry shared by all members of worshipping communities.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday

September 28, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Ask Me

Some time when the river is ice ask me
mistakes I have made. Ask me whether
what I have done is my life. Others
have come in their slow way into
my thought, and some have tried to help
or to hurt: ask me what difference
their strongest love or hate has made.

I will listen to what you say.
You and I can turn and look
at the silent river and wait. We know
the current is there, hidden; and there
are comings and goings from miles away
that hold the stillness exactly before us.
What the river says, that is what I say.

William Stafford

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