

Let my life be given me.

Esther 7:3

Our help is in the name of the LORD. **Psalm 124:8**

Sing songs of praise **James 5:13**

“Be at peace with one another.” **Mark 9:50**

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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 (see insert)**

“A Hymn for Self-Acceptance”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+* Alleluia 587 (2x)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

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

Interlude

Lesson

John 4:1-30, selected verses

Sermon

“On Welcoming: Becoming Well”

***Hymn (see insert)**

“Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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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 (2x)**

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

Postlude

Circles create soothing space, where even reticent people can realize that their voice is welcome.

Margaret J. Wheatley

A smile is the universal welcome. **Max Eastman**

Hospitality is a holy practice. **Larry Neumark**

Welcome home, my dear, you are arrived.

Elton John

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others

Annie Lighthart

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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-seventh Sunday

September 29, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 29 • Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 124, Psalm 19:7–14, James 5:13–20, Mark 9:38–50

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 1

- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 2

- 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 3

- 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

Friday, October 4

- 11:30 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room

Sunday, October 5 • Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 26, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12, Mark 10:2–16

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing Returns - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

A Great Wild Goodness

One morning I was looking out the window
when a great wildness came over me:
I wanted to be kind to everything. I promised
not to kill the spider on the wall; in the cold
I took the dog for the long walk she'd been wanting;
I fetched a trashcan lid for another neighbor
and did not, just then, add a single adjective to his name.
I went back inside to the laundry and dishes
with a clean heart such as I have never had.

Before dinner the wild goodness bellowed *Too tame!*
Too tame! so I went outside without my coat
and shouted poems up the alleys
until my children came home with their small
warm hands. Then we ate bread
in the kitchen, unafraid to be happy.
The stars in wild darkness were right over our heads.

Annie Lighthart

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn reinforces the past, present, and future movement of the Spirit. The Opening Hymn and Sermon Hymn are from *Songs for the Holy Other*, which pair 21st Century welcoming words with beloved classic hymn tunes. The early 21st Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew emphasize the covenantal dimensions of baptism.

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