

I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery.

Exodus 20:2

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my
redeemer. **Psalm 19:14**

I press on toward the goal for
the prize of the heavenly call
of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

'The stone that the builders
rejected has become the cor-
nerstone.' **Matthew 21:25a**

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Men's Quartet
Tim Artlip, John Landolt
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Offertory

Men's Quartet

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit (3x)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

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 true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 530 (v. 2, 3)
"One Bread, One Body"

Prayer for Wholeness

O God,
you have bound us together in common life,
which we celebrate at your holy table.
Help us,
in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth,
to confront one another without hatred or bitterness.

Empower us to stand together,
to walk together and to work together
with mutual forbearance and respect.

Teach us to abide in your love.
Amen.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"October Sunset"
Randall Hartsell

Lesson

Matthew 21:33-41

Sermon

"Pressing Onward"

+Hymn 314 (v. 1, 2, 5)

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

+Hymn 314 (v. 3, 4)

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Offering Our Gifts

Peacemaking Offering

Offertory

"Peace, Be Still"

Credo

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 Hymn

Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God's kingdom come.

Hope on, hope on, Easter people:
beyond the cross, a dawning sun.

Mount up, mount up, like an eagle,
to the heights, beyond the clouds.

The ones who accomplish
something are the fools who
keep pressing onward.

Arijit

Unless you puke, faint, or
die, keep going.

Jillian Michaels

If we are at peace with this
world, it may be because we
have sold out to it and com-
promised with it.

Billy Graham

You haven't failed until you
stop trying.

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the Price family fund

Kingdom of God

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+Hymns

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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 4 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship & Communion via Facebook Live!
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing the Animals via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal in Charles Town

Tuesday 6

- 10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

PASTOR GUSTI will be taking a combination of vacation and study leave from **Monday, Oct. 12 - Sunday, Oct. 25**. Please contact Deacon Co-Moderator Debbie Romano for pastoral concerns.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING, Sunday, Oct. 4. Our offering will be split between the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (formerly Shenandoah Women's Center) and PCUSA national and international peacemaking programs and projects.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS. Pastor Gusti will host a special Zoom service of blessing for our beloved animal companions on **Sunday, Oct. 4, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

COMMUNITY MEAL on Oct. 4. Until further notice, meals will consist of "to-go" boxes for our friends in need. This month's meal will consist of meatball subs with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 Sunday.

SUNDAY SEMINARS are exploring the book *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.** Next gathering will be **Sunday, Oct. 11, Chapter 5: Intersectionality.**

Thursday 8

7:00 pm. Session via Zoom

Sunday 11 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and reception of new members via Facebook Live!

2020 VIRTUAL BOOK BAG DRIVE. SPC is participating virtually to help provide school supplies for children in need at TA Lowery Elementary through the online Target Gift Registry under the name of their school counselor Bridget Deronda (Bridget's Other Registry) All items will be shipped directly to TA Lowery. To drop items off yourself at TA Lowery, put items in a bag marked SPC. Leave outside the school front doors in the Drop Off box. (Push the call button on the wall to notify the office that supplies are outside.)

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION COORDINATOR. SPC is looking for a paid, part-time position (approximately 5 hours per week) responsible for coordinating Sunday Studio and managing the associated logistics. If interested, please submit a resume by mail or email to the office.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended until November 30. Please contact the church office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and calendar.

Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Press bravely onward! – not in vain
Your generous trust in human kind;
The good which bloodshed could not gain
Your peaceful zeal shall find.

John Greenleaf Whittier

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