

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

O, how I love your friendship! I walk with You wherever I go.

Psalms 119:97 (Merrill)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

Luke 18:1

Be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience.

2 Timothy 4:2

Worship Leader

Ethel Hornbeck

Reflections

Mary Bell
Tom Banks

First Pew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

Trixie Gibbs
Evelyn Bailey
Emily Gross

Organ

Alan Ogden

Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

To Our Guests

Glad you're 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our savior.

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 Prayer

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Loving God, you are with us, and you call us, but we do not hear. We are distracted, self absorbed, and afraid. You have given us the gifts of courage, imagination and compassion, but we do not believe. Help us to hear your invitation in our lives, to trust the transforming power of your love, and to bear your light into the darkness today. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

Love the Lord your God with all your soul

Love the Lord your God with all your mind

Love the Lord your God with all that you are

Welcome

Blessing the World

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

****Hymn 174**

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

First Pew

Parish Life

Interlude

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Reflection

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

***Hymn 175**

"Seek Ye First"

Reflection

Luke 1:1-18

***Hymn 684**

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Angels Unaware"

Pepper Choplin

Affirmation

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***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.

***Response**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

It is not perfection that leads us to God; it is perseverance.

Joan Chittister

The desire for light produces light.

Simone Weil

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God.

Karl Rahner

Prayer is an intimate sharing between friends...taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us....Not a matter of thinking much, but of loving much.

Teresa of Avila

Love is constantly creating future possibilities for the good of all concerned—even, and especially, when things go wrong.

Richard Rohr

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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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.



Sun 20 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

Tue 22

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. CR 1

Wed 23

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at
Canterbury
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Sat 26

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. FH

OFFICE CLOSED through October 23.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY is November 10. Please return your pledge form on or before then. If you didn't receive one in the mail, let the office know. There are also extra forms in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

MISSION FORUM. Sunday, November 3, 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Dr. Serge Makolo, Director of the Kasai Christian Medical Institute (IMCK), a Presbyterian hospital and medical teaching center in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will bring us up to date on the health center and other things going on at the hospital, as well as current events in the Congo in general. SPC has contributed over \$4,000 in the past several years to this institute for construction of the PAX women's health center in the city of Kananga. He will be able to take questions in English. For more information, contact Bill Rule, via the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, November 3, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

YOUTH LEAF RAKING & YARD WORK. Youth outreach is continuing the fall tradition of raking leaves for members & friends of SPC. **Sunday, Nov. 10.** Meet at SPC at noon, finish around 3:30 p.m. Bring a rake and gloves if you can. **Let the office know by Nov. 8** if you would like to help or want help with your leaves.

SUNDAY SEMINARS reflecting on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe.* **Sundays, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. **Next: November 17: Chapters 11-12.**

Sun 27 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Joel 2:23–32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18;
Luke 18:9–14*

Preacher: Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship.

New pastor reception after each service

9:15 a.m. Immigrant/Refugee. CR 1

12:15 p.m. Earth Care team meeting. CR 1

4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Ordinary Time
Twenty-ninth Sunday

October 20, 2019
11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

May God turn your life splendid colors.

May angels heading south,
honking overhead in long V's,
make you wonder.

May storms drive you inside,
where God is warm.

May your losses
open up new vistas.
May God show up at your doorstep
in outrageous costumes.

May frost make beautiful
all that is dying
and may all that remains
remain.

May your life be pressed
into great cider.

AMEN

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