

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 23:4

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78-79

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians 1:12

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." **Luke 23:42-43**

Preacher

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Assistants

Gino Santacroce

Hazel Hitt

Wanda Stewart

Organ

Alan Ogden

Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

Interlude

Men's Quartet

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

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 401**

"Here in This Place"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O God, our Provider, you open your hand and lavish good gifts upon us. We give you thanks. You create the beauty of the earth and stock it with abundance to sustain human life. You give us friends who share the journey of our lives; family who make us laugh with joy and dry our tears of sorrow; strangers who minister to our needs with generous kindness. You knit us into your larger family called church to encourage us in your Way. "Thank you" seems insufficient for all your blessings, yet we say it with all we are as an offering of gratitude for our many blessings. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Welcome

Blessing the World

Ghana and Nigeria

****Hymn 821 (vs 1-2)**

"My Life Flows On"

First Pew

Parish Life

****Hymn 821 (vs 3-4)**

"My Life Flows On"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Thomas Dorsey

Lesson

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Sermon

"The Attitude of Gratitude"

***Hymn 463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Song of Autumn"

James Kirby

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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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,"

Michael Praetorius

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

Meister Eckhart

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. **Maya Angelou**

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. **Willie Nelson**

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

A. A. Milne

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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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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.

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 24 • Reign of Love/Christ the King

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. (Chapters 13-15)

4:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service. St. Agnes Catholic Church

Wed 27

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Sat 30

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship Hall

Sun 1 • First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

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

9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Fair. Fellowship Hall

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

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

REV. GUSTI NEWQUIST will be on vacation **Nov. 25-Dec. 4**. During her absence, contact Kathy Reid in the office. Phone messages will be checked daily and forwarded to the appropriate person.

COMMUNION TODAY: All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY is ready for proofing (copies in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.) Make sure your listing is included and correct. If so, check box.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS. Get your photo updated or taken for first time after services **Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 & 8**. The photographer will be at the choir loft after the 8:30 service and in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE. **Sunday, Nov. 24, 4-5 p.m.** St. Agnes Catholic Church, 216 S. Duke St., Shepherdstown. Reception to follow. Guest Musicians: Shepherdstown Middle School Jazz

Band, New Street United Methodist Church Flute Duet. Guest Speakers: Mayor Auxer and Community Service Organizations. Thanksgiving offering goes to Caring Cupboard and Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM). Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER The shelter season is underway and temperatures are certainly dropping. As our guests are struggling to stay warm, the shelter program is also struggling to find sufficient volunteers to keep watch for our guests and keep them safe all season long. We are asking for your help to spread the word to staff our shelter and keep people out of the cold. SPC is hosting guests **Saturday night, Dec. 14 through Friday night, Dec. 20**. Guests will arrive around 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed for morning meals, bag lunches and overnight stays. At least one man and one woman is needed each night. Contact the office if you can help in any way.

Reign of Love
Christ the King

November 24, 2019
11:00 a.m.

HOME

I didn't know I was grateful
for such late-autumn
bent-up cornfields
yellow in the after-harvest
sun before the
cold plow turns it all over
into never.

I didn't know
I would enter this music
that translates the world

back into dirt fields
that have always called to me

as if I were a thing
come from the dirt,
like a tuber,
or like a needful boy. End

Lonely days, I believe. End the exiled
and unraveling strangeness.

Bruce Weigl

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