

All the people gathered together into the square.

**Nehemiah 8:1**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD.

**Psalm 19:14**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him

**Luke 4:16b-17a**

**Preacher**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Assistants**

Ava Joyce  
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**Song Leaders**

Chris Cubby  
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**Pianist/Choir Director**

Georgiann Toole

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Mark Nutwell

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**Introit**

1 x Piano introduction  
2 x Song Leaders sing  
3 x Song Leaders sing; Congregation hums  
4 x All hum

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

**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 Community**

**Response**

*Lord, listen to your children praying . . .*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Gracious God,  
Make us one body in Christ,  
where each one's gifts are honored  
and used for the good of all,  
where all relate with one another  
in humility and in the bond of the Holy Spirit.

**Kyrie**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Alleluia**

**Blessing the World**

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland,  
Andorra, Monaco, San Marino

**First Pew From a Distance**

**+Response**

*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.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Nehemiah 8, selected verses

**Sermon**

"Story Ceremony, Community"

**Response 463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Ordination and Installation**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**\*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**

*Lord, listen to your children praying . . .*

Myth is much more important and true than history.

**Joseph Campbell**

The power of ceremony ... marries the mundane to the sacred. The water turns to wine; the coffee to a prayer.

**Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Building community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual.

**Grace Lee Boggs**

The sun coming up every day is a story.

**Terry Prachett**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Lesson Translation**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Prayer of Jesus**

Neil Douglas-Klotz

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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.



**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Ordination Sunday

**January 23, 2022**  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, January 23 • Ordination Sunday**

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Monday, January 24**

6:30 p.m. EPYA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, January 25**

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Friday, January 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Painters - Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

**Saturday, January 29**

- 10:00 a.m. Special Session Meeting via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group Gathering in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 30 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class via Zoom

**A GATHERING SPACE FOR PRAYER.** We are a community of prayer, centering on the Love and Grace of God. Please be welcomed to this time of offering our prayers for ourselves and others, the community, country and the world. "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am with you" is our reminder and guide to share this time together. Bring any of your own joys and concerns, but this is not required. Come as you are—fully human and deeply loved.

**SUNDAY SEMINAR RESUMES, January 30, 9:30am via Zoom.** Are you looking for a way to reconnect? Are you needing a shot of hope, or a spark of new energy? Join us at our Adult Education Sunday Seminars beginning January 30 at 9:30 via Zoom to share - or just listen to others share - what is on our hearts and minds in the new year. We will be reading Joan Chittister's book *The Time is Now - A Call to Uncommon Courage*, available at Four Seasons book store for \$20 (mention SPC).

**Just Keep Talking**

Isn't God fundamentally a conversation?  
So just keep talking. You will get there.  
No need to be eloquent or audible even.  
Big words are fine, but who keeps score?  
This is not grade school but the Big Time.  
You get there from here by leap of faith.  
But rarely is good conversation just talk.  
Desert Mothers and Fathers took the heat.  
Devotion proved super R-value insulation.  
But don't get stuck there. Share the secret  
until it's not a secret, just common sense.

**Ed Zahniser**

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