

“If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!”
Job 23:17

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
Psalms 22:14a

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”
Mark 10:21

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Patch Sell
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Song Leaders

Julie Gibson
Emily Gross
Brad Toole

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Organist

Dianne Holliman

Tech Crew

Mark Nutwell

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

Piano intro
1x Song Leaders Sing
1x Song Leaders Sing; Congregation Hums
1x All Hum

The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. (repeat 2x)

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 to the Lord.

Prayer

+Sung Response

The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. (repeat 2x)

Prayer for Wholeness

God, we thank you for giving us wholeness,
that has always been ours.
Thank you for the rest inside the unrest.
By your grace we know,
we are loved by an unending love.
And we trust that it is enough.
Our worthiness is based on being a beloved child of God.
May we give ourselves permission to be,
and may we trust in the Spirit’s presence,
blowing in with sighs too deep for words,
a holy presence with us always.
Amen

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*** Alleluia**

Blessing the World

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

First Pew From a Distance

+Response

“These Treasured Children”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

Sermon

“God’s Gift Economy”

***+Response**

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Prayer for Coming Out

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 Response (2x)**

The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. (repeat 2x)

What exactly did I (or you) do to deserve to be alive? If you can process that question and come out thinking it was a gift that you can’t ever pay back, then beginning a life of greater giving is the only logical and remotely reciprocal way to go.
Paul Van Slambrouck

The gift economy represents a shift from consumption to contribution, transaction to trust, scarcity to abundance, and isolation to community.
Charles Eisenstein

Poetry is probably the last gift economy. Part of the negotiation is to understand that you’re going to do something you really want to do, so you’re going to take whatever life comes with that.
Claudia Rankine

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill

Affirmation

*I choose to live joyfully
in this moment
and to let go of all worries*

Scripture Translation
Gusti Linnea Newquist

Prayer for Coming Out
Alise Chaffins

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

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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, October 10 • 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 23:1–9; 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

Monday, October 11

6:30 p.m. SPC Youth & EYPA Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 12

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

Wednesday, October 13

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices on Portico

Thursday, October 14

4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, October 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast via Zoom

Sunday, October 17 • 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 38:1–7 (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

12:30 p.m. Youth Lunch Gathering/Hike - Meet on the Portico

THE DIVINE RE-ALIGNMENT: Sabbatical Year Teachings about Work, Wealth and Land. Through Thanksgiving, our worship will explore the teachings of *Shmita*, also known as the Jewish Sabbatical Year. Jewish tradition began a Sabbatical Year on September 7, 2001. What lessons might Protestant Christians in the United States (especially in the COVID era) take from the shared biblical teachings that undergird this contemporary practice?

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: WE ARE CALLED. All households in the congregation should have received a mailing inviting financial support

for both the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. If you have not received your mailing, please contact the church office. Please prayerfully consider the contribution God is calling you to make and return your pledge card by October 31.

2021 PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING collected through October. 75% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Synods, and Presbyteries to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. 25% will support a Habitat for Humanity Project in Shepherdstown.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-Eighth Sunday

October 10, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Jacob's Blessing
(excerpt, adapted)

It's not that this blessing
is so difficult,
as if it were not filled
with grace
or with the love
that lives in every line.
It's simply that
it requires you
to want it,
to ask for it,
to place yourself
in its path.
It demands that you
stand to meet it
when it arrives,
that you stretch yourself
in ways you didn't know
you could move,
that you agree
to not give up.

Jan Richardson

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