

“They have been quick to turn aside from the way.”

Exodus 32:8

Both we and our ancestors have sinned. **Psalms 106:6**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.”

Matthew 22:2

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Kayden Sadat

Than Hitt

Patti McCarthy

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Terry Tucker

Offertory

Handbell Choir

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are 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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

*A great longing is upon us
to live again in a world made of gifts.*

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 Forgiveness

***+Hymn 444**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Prayer for Forgiveness

Forgiveness requires humility.
It requires us to give up our righteous indignation,
get off our soapbox,
let go of blame,
and let go of the pride of being right.
It means we have to be willing
to drop our victim story,
soften our stance,
and, if necessary,
let our hearts be broken wide open.

+Response 437 (2x)

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 447 (2x)**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Blessing the World

Cameroon, Central African Republic,
Equatorial Guinea

+Response 474, refrain (2x)

*As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.*

First Pew

+Response 474, refrain (2x)

*As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.*

Welcome and Parish Life

Stewardship Impact

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Lesson

Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

“As We Forgive”

***+Hymn 445**

“God, How Can We Forgive”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Litany of Creation

(see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***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 383, v. 1-2 (intro)**

*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.*

***Postlude**

You will know that forgiveness has begun when you recall those who hurt you and feel the power to wish them well. **Lewis B. Smedes**

The more you rejoice in your own forgiveness, the quicker you will be to forgive others.

Timothy Keller

Forgiving others creates a channel of blessing instead of a circle of messes.

Rachel Wojo

Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave.

Indira Gandhi

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Forgiveness

Brandon Bays

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Red Rose

Congratulations to
Ellie Lloyd, Harald Lorenzen
& Greer as they welcome
Olive Mary Louise
10/10/23

Flowers

In Honor of
Pastor Gusti & Christopher’s
Wedding Anniversary
Love, Debbie Romano

Sermons & Information

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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.



Ordinary Time
Twenty-eighth Sunday

October 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 15 • Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

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

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Safety Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, October 18

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

Friday, October 20 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 22 • Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

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

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

3:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Dwight McCormick, Community Cup,

114 E. Burke Street, Martinsburg, WV

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, by Laurence Cole, brings the words of Robin Wall Kimmerer into the form of a chant, teaching us Nature's wisdom of generosity and reciprocity. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn expands upon a petition of the Prayer of Jesus. The Response to the Prayer for World Communion is a "short song" from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a song from the Muscogee Trail of Tears. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Psalm 131. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn reflects the struggle to deal with deep personal hurt. The Sending is based on a future oriented Korean text, seeking the peaceful reunification of peoples living in the Korean peninsula.

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A Pool of Wonder

Come sit with me beside a pool of wonder.

Take time to watch still water.

See how deep your mind can go

when you drop it like a stone

into the hidden depths of the heart

where even reason cannot follow.

We will never know every answer.

Our task is to be stewards of the mysteries of Spirit.

In awe of what we have yet to learn,

mystics beside the pool of living water

where shadows are as welcome as the sun.

Steve Charleston

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Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome