

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to us, to bring forth food from the earth.

Job 42:14

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. **Psalm 34:19**

Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:25**

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." **Mark 10:51**

Preacher

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Song Leaders

Sharon Henderson
Vicki Smith
Rie Wilson

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Offertory

Than Hitt
Marianne Hitt

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

Come, bring your burdens to God. Come, bring your burdens to God.

Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

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 to the Lord.

Prayer

+Sung Response

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Prayer for Wholeness

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.

Forgive our hidden past, the secret shames,
as we consistently forgive what others hide.

Lighten our load of secret debts

as we relieve others of their need to repay.

Erase the inner marks our failures make,
just as we scrub our hearts of others' faults.

Absorb our frustrated hopes and dreams,
as we embrace those of others with emptiness.

Untangle the knots within so that
we can mend our hearts' simple ties to others.

Compost our inner, stolen fruit
as we forgive others the spoils of their trespassing.

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Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Alleluia**

Blessing the World

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

First Pew From a Distance

+Response

"These Treasured Children"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 18:21-34

Sermon

"Forgive Us Our Debts"

***+Response**

"My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

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**

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If you owe your bank a hundred pounds, you have a problem. But if you owe a million, it has. **John Maynard Keynes**

If history shows anything, it is that there's no better way to justify relations founded on violence, to make such relations seem moral, than by reframing them in the language of debt – above all, because it immediately makes it seem that it's the victim who's doing something wrong. **David Graeber**

When you trap people in a system of debt, they can't afford the time to think. **Noam Chomsky**

Nature is an expert in cost-benefit analysis ... As for debts, she always collects in the long run. **Margaret Atwood**

Affirmation

My success is measured in happiness and peace within

Prayer for Wholeness

Neil Douglas-Klotz
Prayers of the Cosmos

Scripture Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

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Sunday, October 24 • 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 42:1–6, 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22); Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

- 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)
- 2:00 p.m. Hal Snyder's Celebration of Life Service at Morgan's Grove Park
- 4:00 p.m. Hal Snyder's Celebration of Life Reception at Cress Creek Country Club

Tuesday, October 26

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting on the Portico
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Sunday, October 31 • 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar via Zoom
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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.

"A CELEBRATION OF LIFE" SERVICE FOR HAL SNYDER Sunday, October 24 at 2 pm. Come celebrate the life of Hal Snyder at Morgan's Grove Park in Shepherdstown. In case of inclement weather, the Memorial will be held at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church. Hal, a long-time member of SPC, passed away October 15, 2020. Hal is survived by his wife Betty, three children and nine grandchildren. You are invited to attend the Memorial at 2 pm at Morgan's Grove Park and the Reception at 4 pm at Cress Creek Country Club.

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Ordinary Time
Thirtieth Sunday

October 24, 2021
11:00 a.m.

On Giving, excerpt

And you receivers
—and you are all receivers—
assume no weight of gratitude,
lest you lay a yoke upon yourself
and upon him who gives.
Rather rise together with the giver
on his gifts as on wings;
For to be overmindful of your debt,
is to doubt his generosity
who has the freehearted earth for mother,
and God for father.

Khalil Gibran

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