

"I have uttered what I did not understand." **Job 42:3**

O taste and see that the LORD is good. **Psalm 34:8**

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest. **Hebrews 7:26**

"Go; your faith has made you well." **Mark 10:52**

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Mia Sadat

Leslie Williams

Special Music

Handbell Ensemble

Men's Quartet

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

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 (4x)

*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 Wisdom

***Chant (2x)**

*Does not wisdom call, understanding raise her voice?
Bidding us to work for justice, justice and love.
... to work for freedom, freedom and love.
... to work for wholeness, wholeness and love.*

Prayer for Wisdom (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+*Alleluia 587 (2x)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Ghana, Nigeria

Response 36, v. 1

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

First Pew

Response 36, v. 3

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

Welcome and Parish Life

Moment for Stewardship

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"It Is Well With My Soul" arr. Jason Krug

Lesson

Proverbs 8:22-31

Sermon

"On Wisdom from All Sources: Before the Beginning"

***Hymn 611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Litany of Creation

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Standing on the Promises"

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Celebration of Ministry

***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 (2x)**

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.
Deep peace, falling over you. God's peace, growing in you.*

***Postlude**

Yesterday I was clever,
so I wanted to change
the world. Today I am
wise, so I am changing
myself. **Rumi**

The art of being wise is
the art of knowing what
to overlook.

William James

The invariable mark
of wisdom is to see the
miraculous in the com-
mon.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Knowledge speaks, but
wisdom listens.

Jimi Hendrix

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

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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 27 • Reformation Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 146, Psalm 119:1–8, Hebrews 9:11–14, Mark 12:28–34

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:15 p.m. Reception celebrating Bill and Beth Rule, 5 years with Pastor Gusti – Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 28

- 11:00 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room

Tuesday, October 29

- 7:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Review Session – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Wednesday, October 30

- 3:30 p.m. Friends of Music Set up for Rehearsal until 5 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. SPC Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, November 1

- 11:00 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room
- 5:00 p.m. Friends of Music – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, November 2

- 1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Luncheon for Musicians – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3 • All Saint's Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22) Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 10:46–52

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level
- 1:00 p.m. Friends of Music pre-gathering rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center, Charles Town, WV 25414
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Worship Service — Sanctuary

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Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

11:00 a.m.

My Granddaughter's God is a Woman

She sits surrounded by a battalion of yellow ducks,
a two-foot general commandeering her fleet,
squealing as they vanish beneath the bubbles.

My daughter kneels beside the tub, hair curling at the nape
of her neck, just as it did when she was the child in the bath
and I was the one washing away the remnants of the day.

I lean against the doorframe, inhaling baby shampoo
and the scent of hard play in woods, watching tiny hands
scrubbed, soiled from digging treasure.

My days of duty done, I'm lost in pure pleasure,
so, I'm startled when the little one stops her sinking
of the ducks to ask, *Do you remember when God made you?*

My daughter and I exchange glances, admit we don't. *Do you?*
She laughs and blows a ripple across the water.
Yes, she says, and pauses,
Her hands were wet when she made me, just like yours are now.

And for a moment there is no breath.
We imagine her being molded like wet clay, formed by fingers
dipped in stardust,
while back on earth she cocks her head and smiles at us,
surprised we didn't know.

Lynn S. Pelletier

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