

But Ruth said, “Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

Ruth 1:16

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Psalms 146:2

Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come.

Hebrews 9:11a

Jesus answered ... “The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:31

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant

Debbie Romano

Song Leaders

Lois Butcher
Brad Toole

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Special Music

Bob Sykes

Baptism Serenade

Than Hitt
Mary Anne 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

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!*

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!*

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.

Presentation of the Sacrament

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Prayer

+Sung Response

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!*

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and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!*

Baptismal Prayer

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Alleluia**

Blessing the World

Liberia, Sierra Leone

First Pew From a Distance

The Sacrament of Baptism

Greer Magnolia Lorenzen

Baptism Serenade

*How could anyone ever tell you, you were
anything less than beautiful?*

*How could anyone ever tell you, you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul?*

+Response

“These Treasured Children”

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Sermon

“Lifting the Veil”

***+Response**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Prayer of Jesus

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**

*Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!*

I would love to live like a river
flows, carried by the surprise of
its own unfolding.

John O'Donohue

We forget that the water cycle
and the life cycle are one.

Jacques Cousteau

If there is magic on this planet,
it is contained in water.

Loren Eisely

We never know the worth of
water till the well is dry.

Thomas Fuller

Affirmation

My true self is deathless
and changeless.

I am secure in unconditional
love, light, and joy.

Scripture Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea
Newquist

Prayer of Jesus

New Zealand Prayer Book

**Please rise in body and
spirit.*

Flowers

In Honor of
Greer Lorenzen's Baptism.

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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

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

Sacrament of Baptism

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

12:15 p.m. Pumpkin Piñata and Costume Party (Fellowship Hall or Portico)

Monday, November 1 • All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Thursday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Sunday, November 7 • 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship and Communion - Sanctuary

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)

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico at SPC

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church

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?

BAPTIZING GREER LORENZEN, daughter of Ellie Lloyd and Harald Lorenzen, This Sunday, 11am. Come celebrate with us the joy of new life and the grace of belovedness as we shower baby Greer with the promise of communal care.

PUMPKIN PIÑATA and COSTUME PARTY, This Sunday, following 11am worship. Cel-

brate All Hallow's Eve with a homemade piñata for the kids and a costume party for God's Beloved Children of all ages.

DEBBIE ROMANO WILL BE ON VACATION November 3 – 13. Please contact Pastor Gusti directly for pastoral care concerns and prayer net requests during this time. Cell: 518-390-3929; email gusti@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

PREESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING . THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 FROM 10-12 AT SPC FELLOWSHIP HALL & VIA ZOOM. Women of the church and community are welcome to join in the continued study of *Braiding Sweetgrass*: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The reading assignment this month is pages 63-104. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom>.

Ordinary Time
Thirty-First Sunday

October 31, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Harboring the Honey

I remember my baptism
with a twelve-year old's soul:
gold glowing around his reverend head
through arms, hands, fingertips of fire
but not burning flames
more warmth than heat
warmth saturating my cold fear –
utter unbelonging in a foreign land,
a foreign body.

Alas, the moment fades
Today, I speak heresy. ...

But baptism brings hope,
a briefly held wholeness,
and with bold sighs I
harbor the honey
sticky and sweet
in the center of my soul
soft and safe
forming the foundation
for future faith and freedom.

Sunshine Walker

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