

Remember the Sabbath day
and keep it holy.

Exodus 20:8

Clear me from hidden
faults.

Psalms 19:12

If anyone else has reason to
be confident in the flesh, I
have more.

Philippians 3:4

“The stone that the build-
ers rejected has become the
cornerstone.”

Matthew 21:42

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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.

Blessing of Creation

***+Hymn 32**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer of Jesus

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe,
You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.
Whose home is everywhere,
even beyond the stars and moon.
Whatever you want done,
let it also be done everywhere.
Give us your gift of bread day by day.
Forgive us our wrongs
as we forgive those who wrong us.
Take us away from wrong doings.
Free us from all evil.
For everything belongs to you.
Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

+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

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

+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

Lesson

Matthew 6:7-13

Sermon

“Forgive Us Our Debts”

***+Hymn 713**

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Litany of Creation

(see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Many and Great, O God”
LACQUIPARLE, arr. Dan Damo

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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**

The relationship with creation,
with the land, is a moral abso-
lute. It cannot be eclipsed by
other considerations.

Mark MacDonald

Being naturalized to place
means to live as if this is the
land that feeds you, as if these
are the streams from which you
drink, that build your body and
fill your spirit.

Robin Wall Kimmerer

The land is sacred; it belongs to
the countless numbers who are
dead, the few who are living,
and the multitudes of those yet
to be born.

Penan saying

If you have come because your
liberation is bound up with
mine, then let us work together.

Lilla Watson

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Blessing of Creation

Cherokee Prayer

Prayer of Jesus

Hattie Corbett Enos

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Flowers

In Honor of
John & Helen Burns’
27th Wedding Anniversary

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.



Sunday, October 8 • Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Aging Faithfully: Tea & Discussion - Classroom 1

Tuesday, October 10

- 10:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens Steering Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Upstairs Hallway outside Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, October 11

- 10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

Thursday, October 12

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Friday, October 13

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

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

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 18th Century Opening Hymn, written originally for children, is paired with a German tune. 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 from New Zealand is based on an Australian aboriginal saying. 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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Ordinary Time
Twenty-seventh Sunday

October 8, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Indian Singing in 20th Century America

We wake; we wake the day,
the light rising in us like sun -
our breath a prayer brushing
against the feathers in our hands.

We stumble out into streets:
patterns of wires invented by strangers
are strung between eye and sky,
and we dance in two worlds ...

... Earth breath eddies between factories
and office buildings, caresses the surface
of our skin; we go to jobs, the boss
always watching the clock to see
that we're on time. He tries to shut
out magic and hopes we'll make
mistakes or disappear. We work
fast and steady and remember
each breath alters the composition
of the air. Change moves relentless,
the pattern unfolding despite their planning -
we're always there - singing round dance
songs, remembering what supports
our life - impossible to ignore.

Gail Trembly

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