

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. **Ruth 3:1**

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Psalms 127:1a

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, no to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places." **Mark 12:38**

Guest Reflection

Mary Anne Hitt

Assistants

Michael Joyce
Ava Joyce
Ed Zahniser
Emily Gross

Song Leaders

Sharon Henderson
Suellen Myers
Vicki Smith

Accompanists

Georgiann Toole
Dianne Holliman

Special Music

Dianne Holliman

Tech Crew

Pete Spreen

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit

Piano intro
1x Song Leaders Sing
1x Song Leaders Sing; Congregation Hums
1x All Hum

*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.*

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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Prayer

Sung Response

*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.
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Prayer for Wholeness

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth,
polluted air, and rising seas, we groan with creation.
Holy One, Holy Three, mother of all creation,
empower us to hear your prophets in the croaks of evening frogs,
to read your gospel in the web of writing spiders.
God of the living earth, transform the collective human
purpose toward the healing of the earth, the right use of resources,
and the careful tending of the land and the seas.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

* Alleluia

Blessing the World

Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

First Pew From a Distance

Response

"These Treasured Children"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Proverbs 8:22-31

Guest Reflection

"Reflections on COP26"

* ^ Response

"God, You Made Your Good Creation"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion of the People

*Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown;
bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands;
one cup that is shared by all, the living cup, the living bread of God.*

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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the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
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Our addiction to fossil fuels is pushing humanity to the brink. We face a stark choice: Either we stop it - or it stops us.

Antonio Guterres

This is not a drill. It's code red for the Earth.

Greta Thunberg

We are not drowning, we are fighting. This is our warrior cry to the world.

Brianna Fruean

In my lifetime, I've witnessed a terrible decline. In yours, you could and should witness a wonderful recovery.

David Attenborough

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Affirmation

All of nature holds
the beauty and
presence of Spirit

Scripture Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea
Newquist

Prayer of Jesus

New Zealand Prayer Book

Flowers

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Ordinary Time
Thirty-Second Sunday

November 7, 2021
11:00 a.m.

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 and Communion- Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Hike
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico at SPC
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town, WV

Monday, November 8

- 6:30 p.m. EPYA Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 10

- 10:30 a.m. ESP Exploring Spiritual Practices in the Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Budget and Fiance Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 11

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, November 14 • 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 1:4–20; 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25; Mark 13:1–8

- 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 and Communion- Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 3:00 p.m. New Member Class - Fellowship Hall and via Zoom

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING November 21, 10am in person and via Zoom (link TBA). Receive updates from the Session, Elect Ruling Elders, and Approve Pastor Terms of Call.

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 les-

sons might Protestant Christians in the United States (especially in the COVID era) take from the shared biblical teachings that undergird this contemporary practice?

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.

**Noah Banks on a Voice
... that the nations might tremble at thy presence**

As we ourselves seem soon to be set upon by rising oceans and all manner of aberrant weather, why, Frederick Buechner asks, do we treat the Biblical tale of Noah's flood mostly as a children's story? Is this the sole place this harsh tale can find traction now despite current crises of coastal flooding?

Has formerly unthinkable horror become just another fantasy domain of young minds? Might we not better see Noah's flood tale as prophetic, in all the richness of that term, "a tale of God's terrible despair" of humans, such that God would destroy us all but one old man, like an ad-framed tv melodrama?

Noah's Ark a toy with removable roof now, so you can let the animals out during dinner. Noah seemed the fool for the longest time, even as he trekked toward the lumber yard.

— Ed Zahniser

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