

He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.”  
**Amos 8:2**

I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.  
**Psalms 52:8**

For in God all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.  
**Colossians 1:16**

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;”  
**Luke 10:41**

**Worship Leader**  
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

**Reflections**  
Catherine Feaga  
Amanda Groff

**Assistant**  
Carol Wood

**Special Music**  
Tori Jones

**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**  
† † †

**+Introit 281 (6x)**  
*Holy Spirit, come to us.*

**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 Grace**  
**\*+Hymn 664**  
“Morning Has Broken”

**Prayer for Grace**  
Blessed are those who are like strong oak  
in the house of the Beloved.  
Blessed are those who trust  
in the steadfast love of the Counselor forever and ever.  
Gratitude flows from their hearts as they walk in truth,  
As they live in unity and peace in the presence of Love.

**Response 288 (2x)**  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**  
**\*+Response 293, v. 1 (2x)**  
*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,*  
*you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

**Blessing the World**  
The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands,  
Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

**Response 21, v. 1**  
*Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.*  
*Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;*  
*thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.*  
*Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.*

**First Pew**

**Response 21, v. 2**  
*Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.*  
*Come unto us and dwell with us.*  
*With thee are found the gifts of life.*  
*Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**  
**THE WORD OF HOPE**

† † †  
**Reading**  
**Interlude**  
**Lesson**  
Luke 10:38-42

**Reflections**  
Parents of SPC

**\*+Hymn 450**  
“Be Thou My Vision”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**  
† † †

**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**  
“First Stone”

† † †  
**\*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 291, refrain (2x)**  
*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.*  
*Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,*  
*wind, wind on the sea.*

**\*Postlude**

I think we are perhaps at our most angelic, not when we are convinced of our goodness, but when we are entirely ignorant of it..

**Nadia Bolz-Weber**

Grace is always free. Grace is always humiliating to the human ego. We just don’t like getting love for free.

**Richard Rohr**

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God’s creation.

**Maya Angelou**


**Call to Grace**  
**Prayer for Grace**  
Nan Merrill

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

**Sermons & Information**  
shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

+Hymns  
reprinted with permission under  
OneLicense.com  
#A-007343. All rights reserved.

*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.



**PASTOR GUSTI IS ON VACATION AND STUDY LEAVE THROUGH - AUGUST 7.**  
The Parents of SPC will offer Guest Reflections through July and Rev. Nancy Meehan-Yao will serve as Guest Preacher and Communion Celebrant on August 3. Christa Mastrangelo Joyce will offer a Reflection on August 10. Contact Deacon Moderator Donna Dettling (301-467-0423) or Jen Jones (681-247-0193) or your own Deacon for pastoral emergencies. They will contact a local pastor to support you in Pastor Gusti’s absence, if needed.

**Sunday, July 20**  
*Amos 8:1–12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15–28 Luke 10:38–42*  
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

**Friday, July 25**  
Church Office Closed

**Saturday, July 26**  
1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, July 27**  
*Hosea 1:2–10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19] Luke 11:1–13*  
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2  
12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Downstairs

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn is set to a Gaelic melody. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Wisdom was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The mid 19th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew was written in the Dakota language to fit the Dakota tune. The Sermon Hymn is an Irish poem set to an Irish ballad. The Sending Refrain describes the breadth of experiencing the Spirit of God.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
100 W. Washington Street • PO Box 268, Shepherdstown, West Virginia 25443 • 304-876-6466  
office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org • www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org  
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist (she/her) • gusti@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org  
Christa Joyce (she/her) Director of Children and Youth Formation • christa@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org  
Sheila Melendez (she/her) Choir Director • sheilamelendez@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

**Ordinary Time**  
Sixteenth Sunday

**July 20, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

**Mysteries, Yes**

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous  
to be understood.  
How grass can be nourishing in the  
mouths of the lambs.  
How rivers and stones are forever  
in allegiance with gravity  
while we ourselves dream of rising.  
How two hands touch and the bonds will  
never be broken.  
How people come, from delight or the  
scars of damage,  
to the comfort of a poem.  
Let me keep my distance, always, from those  
who think they have the answers.  
Let me keep company always with those who say  
“Look!” and laugh in astonishment,  
and bow their heads.

Mary Oliver

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Established 1743*  
*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion*  
*We Choose Welcome*