

Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. **Isaiah 1:17**

Our God comes and does not keep silent. **Psalms 50:3**

But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. **Hebrews 11:16**

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.” **Luke 12:35**

**Guest Reflection**  
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

**Assistant**  
Diana Eldridge

**Special Music**  
Handbell Choir

**Accompanist**  
Sheila Melendez

**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 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 340**  
“This Is My Song”

**Prayer for Grace** (see insert)

**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**  
Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia

**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

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Reading

Interlude

**Lesson**  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Reflection**  
“Faith Through Generations”

**\*Hymn 65**  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

**Offertory**  
“Shenandoah”

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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.

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**\*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

**Psalms 50, excerpt**  
From the rising to the  
setting sun, Love radiates  
out to all the nations  
perfect in beauty.  
**Nan Merrill version**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

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

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version

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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, August 10**

*Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 Luke 12:32–40*  
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

**Tuesday, August 12**

6:15 p.m. Speak Story Series – Sanctuary & Zoom

**Thursday, August 14**

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

**Friday, August 15**

1:30 p.m. Owl/Zoom Training – Fellowship Hall  
3:00 p.m. Appalachian Chamber Music Festival Set-up – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Appalachian Chamber Music Concert – Sanctuary

**Sunday, August 17**

*Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Hebrews 11:29–12:2 Luke 12:49–56*  
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

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn was written between the 20th century’s two world wars with a focus on the theme of international peace. 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 a Welsh text with stirring imagery of pilgrimage. The Sending Refrain describes the breadth of experiencing the Spirit of God.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Nineteenth Sunday

**August 10, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

**Morning**

Up comes the Sun,  
spooning great gobs of yellow light  
into the mouth of the morning,  
that swallows it greedily.

Shadows stand up out of the dullness,  
begin to draw themselves into their objects,  
but in no hurry.  
Birds scatter a confetti of songs.

And what’s this? I rise  
from the grave-clothes of my bed, alive,  
the day pouring into me  
like sun into the meadow.

I am the opening bars of a song  
love is just now improvising,  
spilling out of me, who will sing,  
if I let it, all day long.

I will let it.

**Steve Garnaas-Holmes**

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