

She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. **Proverbs 31:17**

They are like trees planted by streams of water. **Psalms 1:3**

Draw near to God. **James 3:2**

“What will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?” **Mark 8:37**

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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 399 (2x)
*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

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 Worship

***Hymn 291**
“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
*expansive language option, 4th verse:
may substitute “our people” for “our women”
and “and all” for “our men”*

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)
*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+* Alleluia 587 (2x)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

Response 487, v. 1
*These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4
*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community;
empower us to realize
God’s kin-dom through our children’s eyes.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Genesis 2:7

Communal Proclamation
“If You’re Breathing, You’re Spiritual”

***Hymn 288 (6x)**
“Spirit of the Living God”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Ritual of Autumn Welcoming

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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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 (2x)**
*Walk with me, and I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through!*

Postlude

The path of spiritual growth is a path of life-long learning. **M.Scott Peck**

The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and the acceptance of love. **Marianne Williamson**

Spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it. **Henri Nouwen**

An authentic spirituality does not cater to culture; it calls culture to accountability. **Joan Chittister**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Worship
Acharya Prashant

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Sunday, September 22 • Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 1, Psalm 54, James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a, Mark 9:30–37

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 23

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EYPA) –
The Train Station in Martinsburg, WV

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens Volunteer Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. IRSC Meeting – Classroom 1
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, September 26

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting – Sanctuary / Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 28

- 12:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle PRIDE in downtown Martinsburg, WV
- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 29 • Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 124, Psalm 19:7–14, James 5:13–20, Mark 9:38–50

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 3:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic - Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday

September 22, 2024
11:00 a.m.

The Verge

Reason is a fine thing, but remember there are other ways
to live: by instinct or passion, or even,

maybe, by revelation. Try it. Come around again to the verge -
that place of about-to-open, near where we comprehend

and laugh and see. Why shouldn't something marvelous
happen to you? Take even an occasion like this:

A man reading at night looked up at the window to find
a moose looking in, interested and unafraid

with quiet dark eyes. He reports he has never been the same;
he finds the ungainly and miraculous everywhere.

He said it started the next night in the empty window
as he watched his reflection looking right back through.

He said he saw his own beauty, how even in his same old face
the quiet eyes were curious and ready to be true.

Annie Lighthart

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn reinforces the past, present, and future movement of the Spirit. The late 20th Century Kyrie and Alleluia are traditional liturgical chants. The early 21st Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew emphasize the covenantal dimensions of baptism. The early 20th Century Sermon Hymn was written by a Presbyterian minister from North Carolina.

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