

“Come, go down to the
potter’s house.”
Jeremiah 18:2

O LORD, you have
searched me and known
me.
Psalms 139:1

I thank my God always
when I mention you in
my prayers.
Philemon 1:4

None of you can become
my disciples if you do not
give up all your posses-
sions.
Luke 14:33

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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 (6x)
Breathe in, present moment.
Breathe out, wonderful moment.

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 Sabbath
***+Hymn 393**
“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+ Response (6x)
Let things ripen and then fall.
Force is not the way at all.
Just let go and we will see.
The way to do is to be.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 843** (6x)
My soul is at rest in God alone.
My salvation comes from God.

Blessing the World
Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia,
Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Response 474, refrain (6x)
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 (6x)
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

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude
“One Voice”

Lesson
Genesis 2:1-3

Sermon
“Introducing Sabbath”

***Hymn 22**
“God of the Sparrow”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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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** (6x)
Out beyond ideas
There is a field
There is a field
I will meet you there

***Postlude**

A world without a
Sabbath would be like a
man without a smile, like
summer without flowers,
and like a homestead
without a garden.
Henry Ward Beecher


*Please rise in body and spirit.

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, September 7

Jeremiah 2:4–13 Psalm 81:1, 10–16 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Luke 14:1, 7–14
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Monday, September 8

10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 9

6:15 p.m. Speak Story Series – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Thursday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 13

11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service: Nancy Wilson – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
Reception following service at Chris Madeo’s barn,
9349 Stottlemeyer Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713, Carpooling is Encouraged

Sunday, September 14

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12–17 Luke 15:1–10
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
3:00 p.m. Annual Church Picnic – Morgan’s Grove Park Pavilion

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, Response to the Prayer for Sabbath, and Sending are from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn describes The Lord’s Day in Trinitarian terms. The Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is based on Psalm 131. The Sermon Hymn evokes God’s presence in an ever-changing world. The Communion Response is from Stefan Waligur based on the writings of Julian of Norwich.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-third Sunday

September 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Sabbaths 2001, excerpt

Ask the world to reveal its quietude —
not the silence of machines when they are still,
but the true quiet by which birdsongs,
trees, bellwort, snails, clouds, storms
become what they are, and are nothing else.

Wendell Berry

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