

The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. **Proverbs 22:2**

God surrounds the people. **Psalms 125:2**

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
James 2:8

But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”
Mark 7:28

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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 401**

“Here In This Place”

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

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

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 2:18

Sermon

On Community: “Not Good Human Only It”

***Hymn 306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“The Goodness of God”

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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 498, v. 4**

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

Postlude

The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food. **Dean Ornish**

Building community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual. **Grace Lee Boggs**

I take refuge in the Sangha, the community that lives in harmony and awareness. **Br. Phap Hien**

Community takes away loneliness. **Henri Nouwen**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Worship

Henri Nouwen

Lesson Translation

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Prayer for Others

May Yang

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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.



Ordinary Time
Twenty-fourth Sunday

September 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 8 • Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm 146, James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17, Mark 7:24–37

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 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 – Lower Level

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Thursday, September 12

- 4:00 p.m. Bell ringing to memorialize the Constitution and the thirteen original colonies - Balcony
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Sunday, September 15 • Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4, Psalm 116:1–9, James 3:1–12, Mark 8:27–38

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 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 – Lower Level

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a “short song” from the Iona Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn is a corporate prayer on behalf of a diverse congregation. 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 late 18th Century Sermon Hymn expresses a pastor’s unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation.

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Together

Often I imagine the earth
through the eyes of the atoms we’re made of -
atoms, peculiar
atoms everywhere -
no me, no you, no opinions,
no beginning, no middle, no end,
soaring together like those
ancient Chinese birds
hatched miraculously with only one wing,
helping each other fly home.

Dan Gerber

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