

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; he has poured down for you abundant rain.
Jeremiah 2:23

The river of God is full of water.
Psalms 65:9
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength.
2 Timothy 4:17

All who humble themselves will be exalted.
Luke 18:14

Guest Reflection
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

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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 (3x)
A great longing is upon us to live again in a world made of gifts.

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 Holy Love

***+Hymn 39**
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer to Calm Our Fear
“Lord, help!” we cry to you in our trouble.
God, wake us to your presence today.
You saved us from our distress.
God, wake us to your presence today.
You calmed the storm to a whisper, and stilled the waves.
God, wake us to your presence today.

+Response (3x)
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 Gace and Gratitude

***+Response 843 (3x)**
My soul is at rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from God.

*Passing the Peace

Blessing the World
Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Lesson
1 John 4:16-18

Interlude

Reflection & Skit
“Wholly Loved by Holy Love”

***Hymn 821**
“My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing?)”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“I’ll Fly Away”

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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 448 (2x)**
Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

*Postlude

Love is a piece of toast and a diamond. It is a sturdy and imperfect shelter, all around and deep inside.
Anne Lamott

Beneath the many choices we have to make, love, like water, flows back into the world through us.
Mark Nepo

Tá brón orm. Sadness is on me.
Padraig O’Tuama

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Call to Holy Love & Prayer
Psalms 107

Reading
Mary Oliver

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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, October 26 • Reformaion Sunday

Joel 2:23–32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 Luke 18:9–14

- 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!
No Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade remain in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class – Pastor Gusti’s office

Tuesday, October 28

- 5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom

Wednesday, October 29

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, October 31

- Church Office Closed
- 1:00 p.m. Collaboration Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 2

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4 Psalm 119:137–144 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 Luke 19:1–10

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, November 16, 9:45 am in person/Hybrid. Receive updates from the Session, elect congregational leaders, approve Pastor Terms of Call, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3048766466?pwd=cnhPY3kyeG9pbUdGSmZQVVIEM2Jodz09> Personal Meeting Room: 3048766466; Pass Code SPCmeet. Preparatory Materials will be sent by email.

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Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025
11:00 a.m.

I Worried

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn
as it was taught, and if not how shall
I correct it?
Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,
can I do better?
Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows
can do it and I am, well,
hopeless.
Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,
am I going to get rheumatism,
lockjaw, dementia?
Finally, I saw that worrying had come to nothing.
And gave it up. And took my old body
and went out into the morning,
and sang.

Mary Oliver

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We Choose Welcome