

*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 12**

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19*  
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 Gathering – Downstairs

**Tuesday, October 14**

7:30 p.m. Speak Story Series – Sanctuary & Facebook Live!

**Wednesday, October 15**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**Thursday, October 16**

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

**Saturday, October 18**

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 19**

*Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1–8*  
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**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit and the Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn represents the voice of God and the faithful human response. The Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a Welsh melody. The Sermon Hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 90. The Sending is based on an Arabic greeting.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday

**October 12, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 121**

My heart’s eyes behold your Divine Glory!  
From whence does my help come?  
My help comes from You  
who created heaven and earth.

You strengthen and uphold me,  
You, who are ever by my side.  
Behold! You who watch over the nations  
will see all hearts awaken to the Light.

For You are the Great Counselor;  
You dwell within all hearts,  
that we might respond to the Universal Heart—  
Like the sun, that nourishes us by day,  
like the stars that guide the wayfarer at night.  
In You we shall not be afraid of the darkness,  
for You are the Light of our life.  
May you keep us in our going out  
and our coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Nan Merrill**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Established 1743*  
*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion*  
*We Choose Welcome*

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. **Jeremiah 29:7**

You have brought us out to a spacious place. **Psalms 66:12**

If we are faithless, he remains faithful. **2 Timothy 2:13**

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **Luke 17:13**

**Preacher**  
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Assistant**  
Sarah Wagner

**Choir Director**  
Sheila Melendez

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**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** (4x)

*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 Sabbath**

**\*+Hymn 69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

**Prayer for Sabbath**

Holy One, you loosen the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
*Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!*  
You call us to share bread with the hungry  
and shelter with the homeless.  
*Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!*  
You promise that when we cry for help,  
you will answer, “Here I am.”  
*Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!*

**+Response** (2x)

*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** (2x)

*My soul is at rest in God alone;  
my salvation comes from God.*

**Blessing the World**

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

**Response 36, v. 1**

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

**First Pew**

**Response 36, v. 3**

*Make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is injury let me sow pardon.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

“The Gift of Love”

**Lesson**

Isaiah 58:6-12

**Sermon**

“Sabbath and the Cry for Help”

**\*Hymn 687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Help,” *the Beatles*

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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**

You only cry for help if you believe there is help to cry for.

**Wentworth Miller**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Prayer for Others**

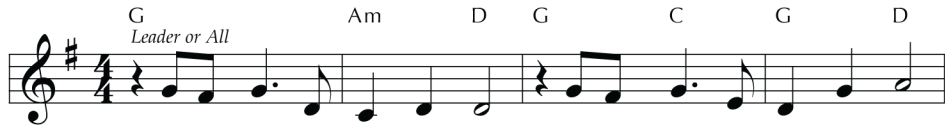
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# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



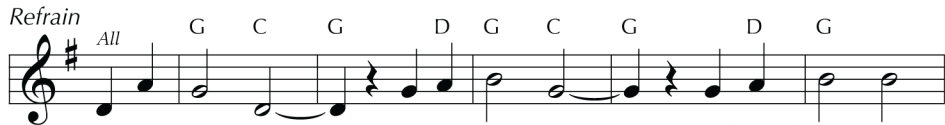
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



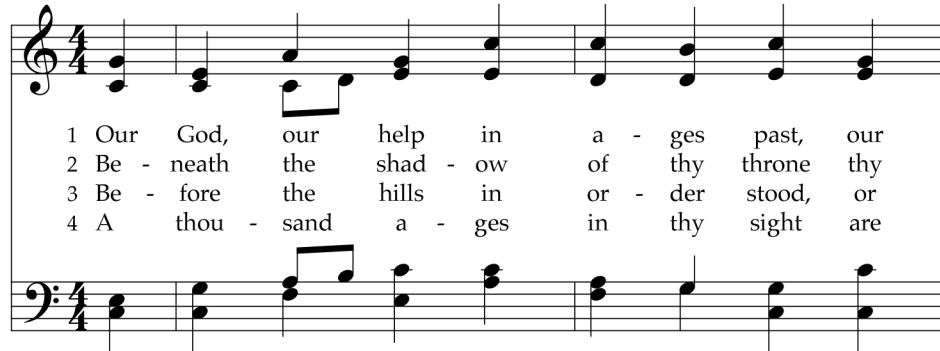
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

CELEBRATING TIME

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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## Staying the Course

### SPC 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Based on input from the congregation, the SPC Session has adopted budget priorities for the near and mid-term future.

These budget priorities lead us to an annual budget of roughly \$390,000.

Last year's pledged income was \$242,000. Additional large one-time donations totaled \$80,000.

(Other sources of income include non-pledged general giving and building use giving)

We have enough money in reserves to maintain our annual budget for 2-3 years.

For the long term we need to increase our annual pledged income and major one-time donations by 5% per year.

## Where Do the Dollars Go?

Work in the World: \$30,250 (8%)

*Includes gifts to Jefferson County Community Ministries, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, LGBTQIA+ support and more!*

Property: \$55,250 (14%)

*Includes general maintenance, landscaping, heating/cooling, custodial service, insurance, etc.*

[An additional Building Fund is operated separately in order to provide resources for major expenses such as roof repair]

Ministry Programs: \$61,250 (16%)

*Includes children and youth programming, worship and music, adult education, hospitality, office supplies, etc.*

Pastor and Staff: \$243,250 (62%)

*Includes Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Director of Children and Youth Formation, Choir Director, Accompanist, Tech Support and Nursery Attendants*

[Includes commitments to equity in compensation, expansion of and training for the Director of Children and Youth Formation, and benefits for those working more than 20 hours per week]

## REIMAGINING SPC'S WORK IN THE WORLD

Envisioning a Greater Impact in What We Do

Your pledged stewardship contributions support **SPC's Work in the World**. Roughly 10% of the money pledged annually by the congregation has supported the work of various committees including Mission and Social Justice in addressing urgent needs and systemic issues in our community and the world. ***But a change is in the air!*** **Our Work in the World** is reimagined into four focus areas where your pledge will have an even greater impact.

The four areas are:

- ***Justice and Peace***
- ***Inclusion and Equity***
- ***Systemic Poverty***
- ***Earth Care***

Here is your invitation to give as generously as you are able when you pledge for this coming year and to volunteer your time.

**Please support Our Work in the World  
wherever you feel called!**

**Pledge season began Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>!**

***Flip over to find out what your 2026 pledge supports.***

## JUSTICE AND PEACE

- WV Guns to Gardens turns unwanted guns into garden tools and art
- Financial and material support and advocacy for our immigrant neighbors
- Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, VERBO scholarships in Nicaragua, and SABEEL, advocating for Palestinian justice and peace

## INCLUSION AND EQUITY

- The Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) providing safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ youth
- Annual Pride Service and Shepherdstown's Pride Parade
- Research into SPC's history from 1743 to the ordination of LGBTQIA people

## SYSTEMIC POVERTY

As a Matthew 25 church, SPC focuses on eradicating poverty and its root causes; homelessness and food insecurity.

- Monthly Community Meals, donations to food pantries, weekend meals for kids and more
- Oxfam dinners, learn about SNAP and hunger.

## EARTH CARE

Caring for the Earth is central to our faith as we engage in education, advocacy, and sustainable living.

- Local clean water projects and education
- Solar power! In 2014, SPC installed a 60-panel solar array



Jesus said to the man, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Circle 12 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

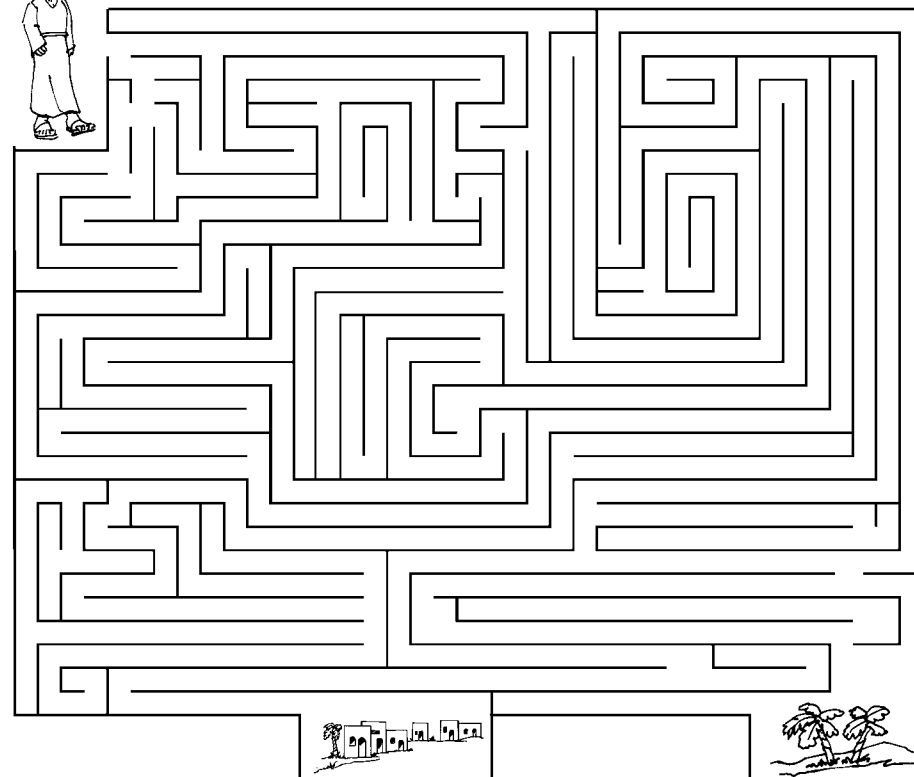
Ages 7+

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## Jesus Heals 10 Men

Jesus was traveling along the border of Galilee and Samaria. As He was going into a village, 10 men with leprosy met Him.

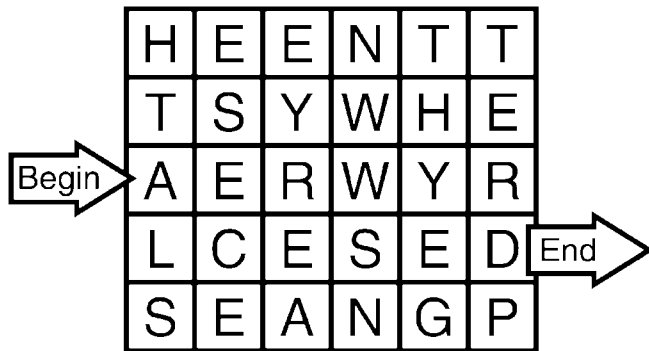
Help Jesus reach the next village.



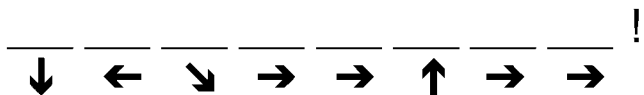
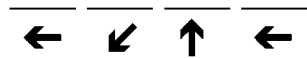
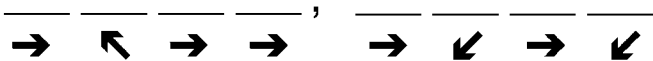


The 10 men said, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests. What happened?

Find the letters for the blanks below by following the arrows through the letter box.



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When they saw that they had been healed, only one of them, a Samaritan, did something. What was it?

Write all the 1's on the lines, then the 2's, etc...

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