

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 19

Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8

- 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 21

- 5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Immigration and Refugee Support Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 25

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 26

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

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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit and the Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn expands the understanding of stewardship to include concern for people and places around the world. 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, set to an early American shape note tune, was submitted to the Hymn Society of America in a search for stewardship themes. The Sending is based on an Arabic greeting.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-Ninth Sunday

October 19, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Sunday Brunch at the Old Country Buffet

Here is a genial congregation,
well fed and rosy with health and appetite,
robust children in tow. They have come
and all the generations of them, to be fed,
their old ones too who are eligible now
for a small discount, having lived to a ripe age.
Over the heaped and steaming plates, one by one,
heads bow, eyes close; the blessings are said.

Here there is good will; here peace
on earth, among the leafy greens, among the fruits
of the gardens of America's heartland. Here is abundance,
here is the promised
land of milk and honey, out of which
a flank of the fatted calf, thick still
on its socket and bone, rises like a benediction
over the loaves of bread and the little fishes, belly-up in butter.

Anne Caston

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.
Jeremiah 32:15

You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day.
Psalms 91:5

If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **1 Timothy 6:8**

“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”
Luke 16:31

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Frances Marshall

Handbell 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
† † †
+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 714**
“God of the Fertile Fields”
Prayer for Sabbath
Holy One, in the wilderness you give bread from heaven.
Sabbath is God’s gift: enough for everyone!
You teach your people not to hoard,
but to trust in your daily provision.
Sabbath is God’s gift: enough for everyone!
You call us to share freely, that no one goes hungry.
Sabbath is God’s gift: enough for everyone!
+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.
Blessing the World
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea
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
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.
Welcome and Parish Life
THE WORD OF HOPE
† † †
Reading
Interlude
“Fantasy in F Minor”
Lesson
Exodus 16:1-30, selected verses
Sermon
“Sabbath and the Cry for Shared Prosperity”
***Hymn 716**
“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
THE BREAD OF LIFE
† † †
Prayer for Others
Offering Our Gifts
Offertory
† † †
***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**

When it rains manna from heaven, some people put up an umbrella. Others reach for a big spoon.
Peter Drucker

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
Mary Karr

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God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

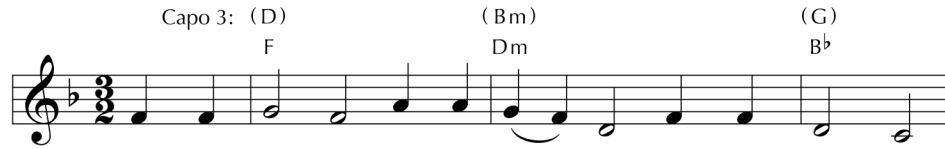
earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

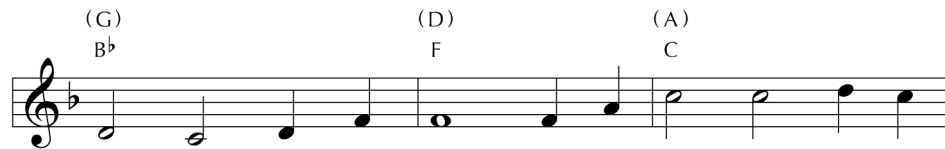
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
 8.7.8.7.D

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]

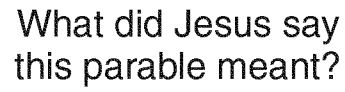
Property Budget vs. Building Fund

What's included in our property budget?

Maintenance	\$5,500
Landscaping	\$300
Snow Removal/Mowing	\$2,000
Organ/Piano	\$1,555
Custodian Service	\$20,140
*Electric	\$3,750
*Heating Oil	\$6,000
*Water	\$1,900
*Insurance	\$12,471
Supplies	\$1,500
TOTAL 2025 BUDGET	\$55,116
<i>*Cost just to open the building</i>	<i>\$24,121</i>

What's the building fund?

Unlike day-to-day upkeep, the building fund is for things like large scale masonry repair projects, reglazing windows, and interior/exterior painting. In 2026, this meeting house will be 190 years old, and it frequently requires attention from skilled/specialized vendors.



Go around the box clockwise, crossing out every other letter.
Read those that remain and write them on the lines below.

Answer: W I L L N _____

?

Children's Worship Bulletin™

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

The _____ and the _____.

Read about these two people,
then find the underlined words in the puzzle below.
They are ↑↓→←↙↘↖↗.

The judge neither feared
God nor cared about
people. The widow kept
coming to the judge, asking
him to grant her justice
against her adversary.



W	D	E	B	L	I	D	K	F	I	C	A	R	E	D
Y	I	V	E	L	P	O	E	P	R	O	E	G	K	I
R	R	D	K	J	D	J	O	F	P	M	T	P	N	C
A	F	N	O	I	G	Q	J	L	M	I	S	P	A	G
S	R	E	P	W	C	S	U	T	H	N	K	N	E	E
R	S	A	V	I	M	R	D	U	L	G	A	J	F	K
E	F	O	G	V	E	C	G	O	D	O	C	H	L	D
V	F	B	Y	H	N	R	E	H	P	J	A	E	N	E
D	K	T	T	P	S	E	C	I	T	S	U	J	O	R
A	V	I	M	C	L	G	I	E	R	M	P	H	G	A
K	E	G	E	B	J	A	H	F	D	O	E	Q	B	E
N	L	D	K	G	R	A	N	T	F	R	K	N	G	F

What happened next?

Use the code to find out.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

The judge said, “5 22 5 14 20 8 15 21 7 8

9 4 15 14 20 6 5 1 18 7 15 4

15 18 3 1 18 5 1 2 15 21 20

16 5 15 16 12 5 25 5 20

2 5 3 1 21 19 5 20 8 9 19

23 9 4 15 23 11 5 5 16 19

2 15 20 8 5 18 9 14 7 13 5

9 23 9 12 12 19 5 5 20 8 1 20

19 8 5 7 5 20 19 10 21 19 20 9 3 5

19 15 20 8 1 20 19 8 5 23 15 14 20

5 22 5 14 20 21 1 12 12 25 23 5 1 18

13 5 15 21 20 23 9 20 8

8 5 18 3 15 13 9 14 7 !”

