

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.



Reign of Love Sunday

November 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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Jeremiah 23:1–6 Luke 1:68–79 Colossians 1:11–20 Luke 23:33–43

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

Thursday, November 27 • HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

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First Sunday of Advent, November 30

Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11–14 Matthew 24:36–44

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Love with Wings

There is that Love—
the one with wings,
that neither cages
nor clings,
but lets others in.
I know that Love.

Betty Vilas Hedblom

PASTOR GUSTI IS ON A COMBINATION OF STUDY LEAVE AND VACATION NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 2. Guest Preachers in her absence include Rev. Harry Daniel (November 23) and Rev. Mary Jane Hitt (November 30). For pastoral concerns, contact your Deacon or Deacon Moderator, Donna Dettling at 301-467-0423 or donna.dettling@gmail.com. Local pastors will be on call in case of an emergency.

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

The days are surely coming,
says the LORD, when I will
raise up for David a righ-
teous Branch.

Jeremiah 23:5

“And you, child, will be
called the prophet of the
Most High.” **Luke 1:76**

For in him all the fullness of
God was pleased to dwell.
Colossians 1:19

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell
you, today you will be with
me in Paradise.” **Luke 23:43**

Guest Preacher
Rev. Harry Daniel

Worship Leader
Donna Dettling

Assistant
Keith Loudermill

Handbell 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 820 (2x)

*Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.*

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 366**
“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you reign not by power or decree,
but through mercy poured out on the road.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!
You lift the weary and bandage the broken;
you call us to see our neighbor’s wounds as our own.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!
You free us from fear and hurry,
so that mercy might interrupt our journey.
Sabbath is God’s gift: Love in Action!

+Response 795, refrain (2x)

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 792 (2x)**
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

Blessing the World
Ghana, Nigeria

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

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon
“Sabbath as Love in Action”

***Hymn 307**
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“It Is Well with My Soul”

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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**

Where love reigns, the
impossible may be
attained. **Indian proverb**

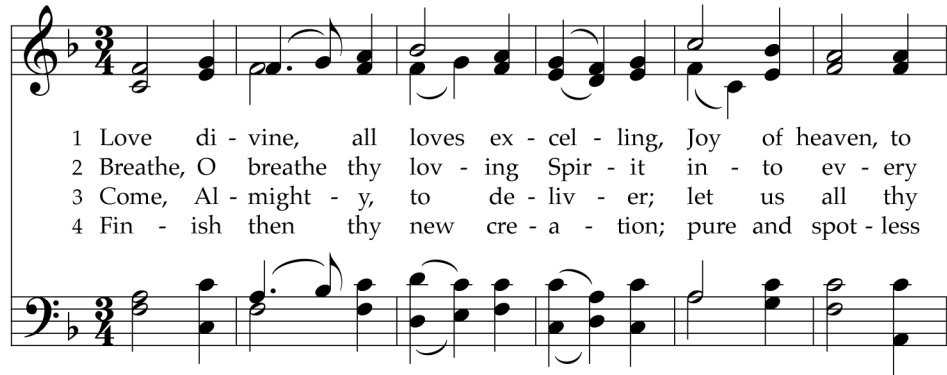
*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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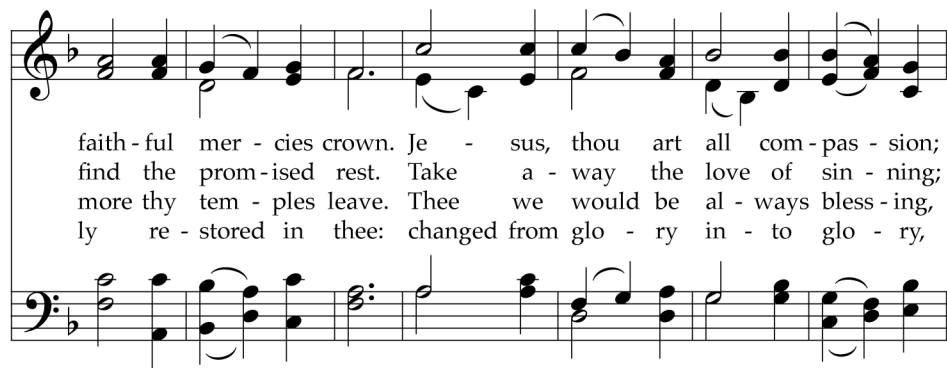
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

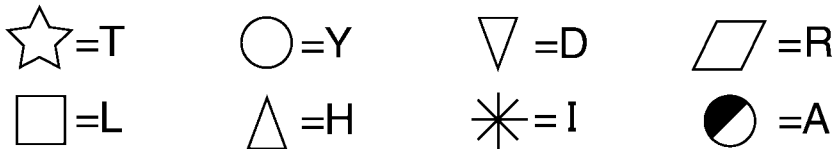
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MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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Then the second criminal said,
"Jesus, remember me when You
come into Your Kingdom!"
How did Jesus answer him?

Use the code to read Jesus' words.



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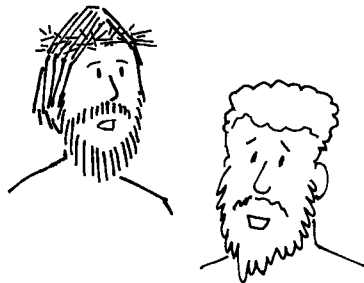
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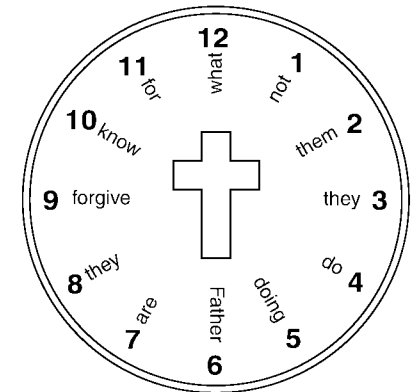
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November 23, 2025 • Luke 23:33-43

Two Criminals Talk to Jesus

Jesus was taken, along with 2 criminals,
to the place where they were to be crucified.
What did Jesus say about those who crucified Him?

Use the clock code to find out.



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10 12 3
7 5 ."

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Jesus. What did they say?



Use the graph to find out.

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B	R	G	O	C
C	D	S	I	H
D	E	M	V	L



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3,B 3,A 4,C 1,D 1,B 2,C; 4,D 1,D 3,A

4,C 3,C 2,D 2,C 2,A 3,D 1,D

4,C 3,C 2,D 2,C 1,D 4,D 1,A 3,C 1,A

4,C 1,D 3,C 2,C 3,A 4,C 1,D

4,B 4,C 1,B 3,C 2,C 3,A 3,B 1,A

2,B 3,B 1,C, 3,A 4,C 1,D

4,B 4,C 3,B 2,C 1,D 4,A 3,B 4,A 1,D”



What happened next?



Find the underlined words in the word search below.

They are **↑ ↓ → ← ↶ ↷ ↸ ↹**

One of the criminals hurled insults at Him: “Aren’t You the Christ? Save Yourself and us.” But the other criminal said, “Don’t you fear God since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

