

“I have seen God face to face, yet my life is pre-served.”
Genesis 32:30

My steps have held fast to your paths.
Psalms 17:5

I am speaking the truth in Christ.
Romans 9:1

“You give them something to eat.”
Matthew 14:16

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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 507, v. 1-2
*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not your or mine. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace ...*

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.

Table Blessing

***Hymn 509**
“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Response 437 (2x)
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

Response 590 (2x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Response 590 (2x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Blessing the World
Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Response 507, v. 3-4
*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of hope ...*

First Pew

Response 507, v. 5
*Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Isaiah 25:6-10

Sermon
“On Brisket, Breakfast Tacos, and the Table That Sustains”

***Hymn 536**
“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
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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 547**, v. 1
*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

***Postlude**

On the Way, every meal is a shared story.

**Posted along
the Camino de Santiago**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Wholeness
Based on Isaiah 55:1-2

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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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.



Eighteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Only Say the Word

We receive Communion
in a sprawling ellipse
in front of the sanctuary.

As ministers of the sacrament
make their rounds, Patrick begins to play
Seek ye first.

Our voices join. They swell and rise.

I glance up, and see Mary and Becky,
Alice and William, Tammy holding
wee Brigid, Mark and Bill, and Sylvia.
Such expressions of peace.

Lauren's soprano voice
ascends to stratospheric heights
on the descant,
alleluias harmonizing
with a host of angel-choristers.

And I weep.

And so it has been, every week.
How included I feel, and indeed am;
how close to a loving God.

Thomas DeFreitas

Sunday, August 2

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom
- Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Monday, August 3

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 6

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Meck, 128 E. German Street

Friday, August 7

Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
- Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Office Note: Lynn Dampman will be out of the office through August 7. Church office hours during this time will be 10 am – 2 pm with the exception of Fridays, where the office will be closed. Volunteers will serve in Lynn's absence.

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