

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, July 5

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14

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

Sunday, July 12

Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

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Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026
11:00 a.m.

In God

Let God be more than a little infinite.

There is no end to God, nothing outside God.

The only place God could create a world is inside God,
created out of love for love.

God is the Holy Thou at the heart of all things,
who creates and contains all things,
in whom the universe is a little part.

God is hard to find

like the universe is hard to find.

Nothing alone stands out;
everything is part of God.

It's only our understanding that's in small places.

Sin is acting like you're separate.

Salvation is being included anyway.

This changes you, over and over.

Live this day in God.

Steve Garmaas-Holmes

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 145:8

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. **Zechariah 9:12**

I do not understand my own actions. **Romans 7:15**

Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**

Worship Leader

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant

Sarah Wagner

Guest Reflections

Amanda Groff

Rachel Wilkinson

Special Music

Jayne O'Hara, organist

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 288 (2x)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 340**

"This Is My Song"

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

+Response 286, v. 1, 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me life anew,

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,

Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Response 486, v. 1

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,

with this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.

First Pew

Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Reflections

***Hymn 475**

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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

***Singing 753, v. 1, 2**

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon,

Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

and where there's sadness ever joy.

***Postlude**

Be still, and know that I am God. **Psalm 46:10**

Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.

Augustine of Hippo

God is not found in the soul by adding anything, but by a process of subtraction.

Meister Eckhart

My yoke is, your yoke is, resting on our shoulders as we share the weary load.

Carbon Leaf

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version,

Updated Edition

Sermons & Information

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

At this table we taste your never-ending Hope,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has come. Christ is with us.

Christ will be all in all.

Our *Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy *kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the *kingdom

and the power,

and the glory,

forever.

Amen.

**Expansive language options:*

may substitute Parent/Mother/Creator, etc for Father

and kin-dom for kingdom

“Parents (and Parental Figures) of SPC”

SPC Worship in July

Back by popular demand,
Parents of SPC
and those who work closely
with our children and youth
will reflect on how the lectionary text
relates to their lives

July 5 (with communion): God’s Rest and Peace

Amanda Groff and Rachel Wilkinson

July 12: Planted in Love

Mary Ellen Lloyd and Eva Moore

July 19: God’s Wisdom and Peace

Than Hitt and Keri Mahoney

July 26: God’s Treasured Love

Keith Loudermill and Judy York

Prayer for Wholeness

Gracious and Loving God,

we carry worries we were never meant to bear.
We cling to control rather than trusting your care.
We measure ourselves by our accomplishments,
our productivity, and the expectations of others,
forgetting that our worth is found in your love alone.

We confess that we place heavy burdens
on ourselves and those around us.

We have been impatient
when we could have been kind,

judgmental when we could have shown grace, and anxious
when we could have rested in your promises.

Forgive us, O God.

Teach us again the way of Christ —
gentle and humble in heart.

Help us to lay down what weighs us down
and to take up the yoke of discipleship,
trusting that you walk beside us,
bearing our burdens and leading us into life.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

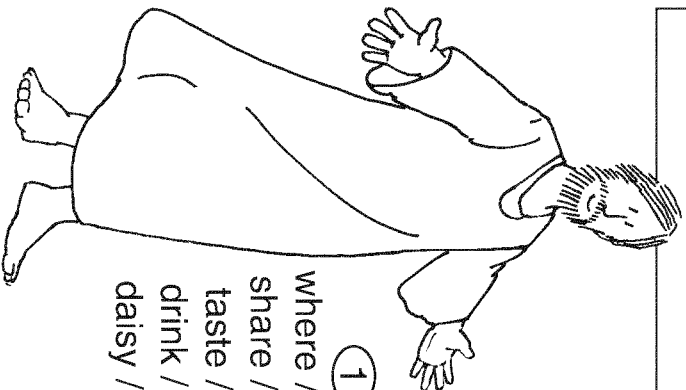
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



Jesus called people to Him.
Whom did He call?

Find the letter that is in the first word, but not the second.
Write the letters on the lines and then fill in the blanks below.



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|---|--------------|-------|
| ① | where / here | _____ |
| | share / rash | _____ |
| | taste / test | _____ |
| | drink / kind | _____ |
| | daisy / said | _____ |
| ② | burn / run | _____ |
| | ounce / cone | _____ |
| | horse / shoe | _____ |
| | down / won | _____ |
| | note / not | _____ |
| | near / are | _____ |
| | bread / drab | _____ |
| | devil / live | _____ |

“Come to Me, all you who are

_____ and _____, and
1 _____ 2 _____
I will give you rest.”

Children's Worship
Bulletin™

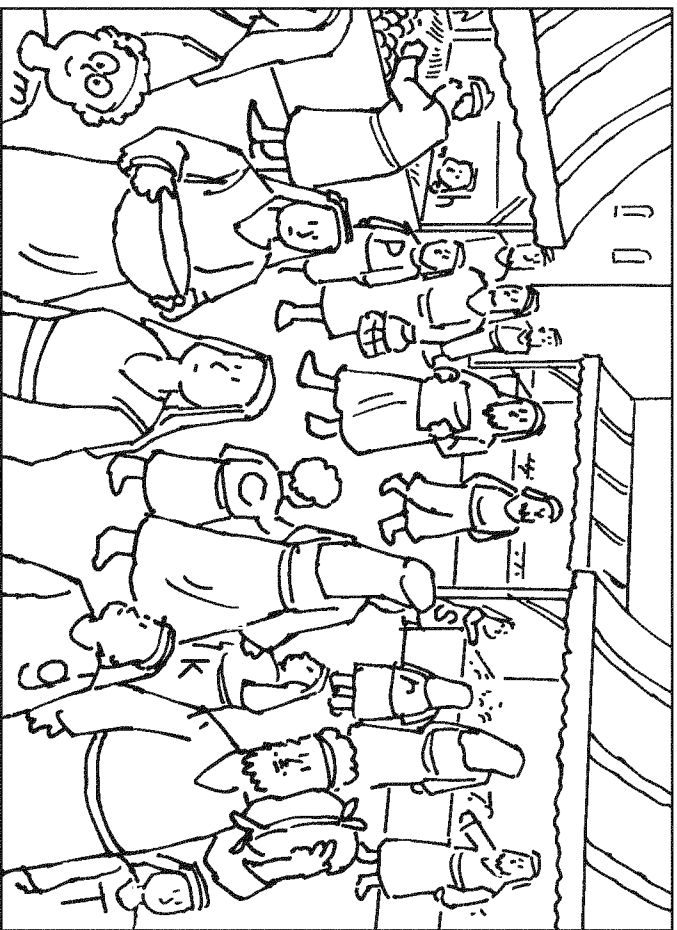
Ages 7+

July 5, 2026 • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus Speaks and Prays

Jesus said, “To what can I compare this generation?”
How did He answer His own question?

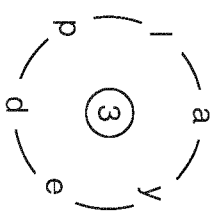
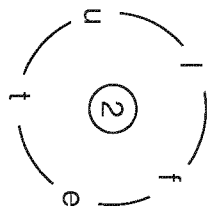
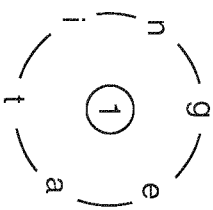
Find the children in the picture below. Each has a letter.
Use these letters to fill in the blanks.



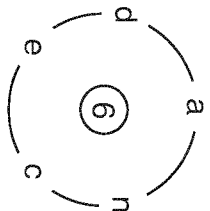
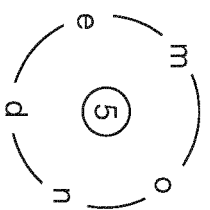
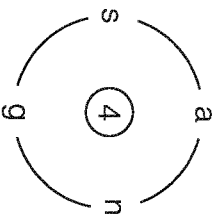
“ _____ hey are li _____ e c _____ ild _____ en sittin _____ in the
_____ arket _____ laces and _____ alling out to other _____.”

What else did Jesus say?

Each of these circles contains a word that completes the sentences below. Words can start anywhere and go clockwise or counter clockwise. Can you figure them out and put them on the lines below?



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____



4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

“We _____ the _____

for you, and you did not _____;

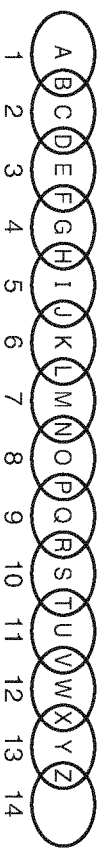
we _____ a dirge, and you did not

mourn.” For John came neither _____

nor drinking, and they say, “He has a _____.”

Jesus said wisdom is proved right through actions!

Use the code below to learn more from Jesus.



Jesus said,

“ _____ 5 _____ 8,9 9,10 1 _____ 5 10 _____ 3 _____

13 _____ 8 _____ 11 _____ 3,4 _____ 1 _____ 10,11 4,5 _____ 3 _____ 9,10 _____ 6,7 _____ 8 _____ 9,10 2,3

8 _____ 3,4 _____ 4,5 _____ 3 _____ 1 _____ 11,12 _____ 3 _____ 7,8 _____ 1 _____ 7,8 2,3

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2 _____ 4,5 _____ 5 _____ 6,7 _____ 2,3 9,10 _____ 3 _____ 7,8 _____.”