

We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedo’nia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, **2 Corinthians 8:1-3**

You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; 12 for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. **2 Corinthians 9:11-12**

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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 (2x)
*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.*

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.

Baptismal Blessing

***Hymn 716**
“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Litany of Remembrance (see insert)

***Response 577 (2x)**
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 587, (2x)**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the World
Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

Response 487, v. 1
*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4
*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God’s kin-dom through our children’s eyes.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
2 Corinthians 9:7

Sermon
“WHY: Seven Reasons”

***Hymn 316**
“Where Charity and Love Prevail ”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Spirit, Open My Heart”

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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 (2x)**
*The peace of the earth be with you the peace of the heavens, too.
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.
Deep peace, flowing over you. God’s peace growing in you.*

*Postlude

God is good to all and the greatest good is that we creatures learn from God to be merciful to one another. That is the zenith of human aspiration to imitate the ways of God as far as possible and appropriate for a human being. A. J. Heschel once re-marked, ‘When I was young I used to admire intelligent people, as I grew older I admire kind people.’ We are too confident that our own power and genius will be sufficient. We need to have the strength to feel how weak we can be and how much we are in need of guidance and love.

God is here, so then good will finally triumph. Whose good? God’s! Can be and could be are words that recover their power through God’s being here with us. We are those committed to the repairing imperative: things must be mended, a commit-ment enlivened by the constant perception of God’s presence and concern behind all things.

There is a plan always working through our choices. our good work, and yes, our mistakes. The intentions of this God are clear; working for the benefit of us and the good of all the creatures of the earth.

Lesson Translation
Revised Standard Version

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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.



Twenty-ninth Sunday
Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18 • Guest Preacher Rev. Harry Daniel

Exodus 33:12-23 Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
- Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Tuesday, October 20

- 5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Committee via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. The Liberating Word with Pastor Gusti – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

- 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Manna Meal – Community Cup,
114 W. Burke St. Martinsburg, WV
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, October 23

- 10:00 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal – Upstairs outside the choir room area

Saturday, October 24

- 2:00 p.m. Quaker Memorial Service: Tony Pennacchia – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
- Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Downstairs

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Love is patient,
love is kind. It does
not envy. it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-
seeking,. it is not easily
angered, it keeps no
record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices in the truth.
It always protects, always
trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.

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