

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-eighth Sunday
Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11

Exodus 32:1-14 Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

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

Monday, October 12

Pastor Gusti on vacation through October 18 (see below)

Wednesday, October 14

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, October 16

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

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

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PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE TAKING VACATION Monday, October 12 - Sunday, October 18. Please contact your Deacon Shepherd for pastoral care concerns. They will contact local pastors on call if needed. Rev. Harry Daniel will preach October 18.

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

“Who may live on your holy hill?”
the psalmist asks. You answer by extremes
— “He whose walk is blameless” —
far more subtle than “Don’t kill.”
Such persons won’t be shaken. Even in dreams
we are sorely shaken. We confess!

Our morning hymns rap inner greed
and famished souls, primed by
the *Hebrews* letter’s final exhortations.
By such standards we bend like reeds,
who still rebel against your love. Do I?
Confess? Rebel? (Prepare for lamentations!)

The sermon homes in on “The Lowly Path”
with “We are carefully watched at table
in this feast we call America.” How true:
the grossness of our GNP exceeds its math.
We play our global Cain and Abel.
I am shaken in my rigid pew.

Ed Zahmizer, from

A Calendar of Worship & Other Poems

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely.” **Exodus 32:7**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **Psalms 19:14**

I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:14**

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?” **Matthew 21:42**

Preacher
Rev. Gust Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Chris Morehouse

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 (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 true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Baptismal Blessing

***Hymn 21**
“Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works”

Litany of Remembrance (see insert)

***Response 575 (2x)**
*Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 642, refrain (2x)**
*Heleluyan, we are singing, Hele, heleluyan.
Heleluyan, now and always, Hele, heleluyan.*

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the World

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

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
Deuteronomy 34:1-5

Sermon
“Deconstructing Manifest Destiny”

***Hymn 642**
“Heleluyan, We Are Singing”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Wayfaring Stranger”

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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.*

***Recessional**

We are going on a spiritual migration. This world needs renewal. We need to take an evolution-ary journey to discover change. We need to create a new community and a new future. Spirit will guide us. We will journey together. We will care for one another until the shift occurs: a higher level of maturity for the human family, a balanced and just society, a healing of all that has harmed us. We are setting out to keep an ancient promise. We invite you to join us.
Bishop Steve Charleston
(Choctaw elder)

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Baptismal Blessing
Ojibwe Nibi (Water) Song,
English translation

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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"Then and Now"

October - November Worship with SPC

Our Worship through Autumn
re-visits the SPC Timeline Project
to Carry the Tradition Into the Future

October 11 (Indigenous Peoples' Sunday)

"Deconstructing Manifest Destiny"
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

October 18 (Guest Preacher Harry Daniel)

"Stewardship"
TBA

October 25 (Reformation Sunday)

"Always Being Re-Formed"
Genesis 2:18-23

November 1 (All Saints)

"For the Facing of This Hour"
Hebrews 11-12:1

Litany of Remembrance

As we Carry our Tradition Into the Future,
we reflect on the faithfulness of God
from generation to generation.
Where we have failed,
we pray God will correct us.
Where we have done well,
we pray God will encourage us.
As we continue, we pray God will guide us.

Today, our tradition continues
as an unfinished story,
not as those who have *arrived*,
but as those who are *still becoming*.
We try, we fall short, we gain wisdom,
and we try again.
From generation to generation,
God is faithful still.

Many and Great, O God, 21

Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,

Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to

set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the

moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that

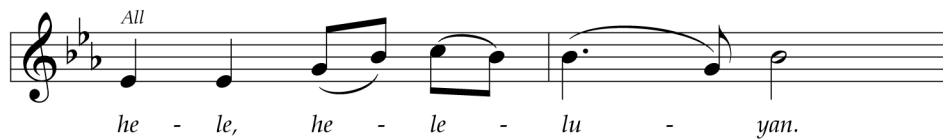
wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

First came the evocative Dakota chant, bearing a French name ("the lake that speaks") for the site of a Native American mission in western Minnesota. That was where the original seven-stanza text based on Jeremiah 10:12-13 was written in the Dakota language to fit the tune.

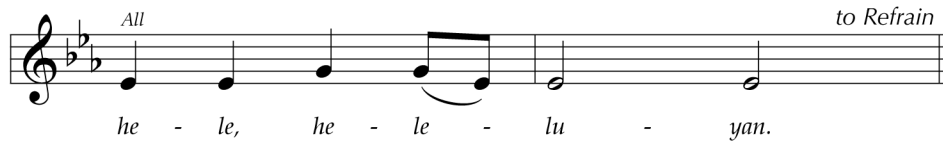
Heleluyan, We Are Singing 642

Refrain

- 1 Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways:
- 2 Town and coun-try peo - ple sing to Je - sus:
- 3 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:



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This Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma.

SPC'S WORK IN THE WORLD DIRECTING YOUR GENEROSITY

The Work in the World Team directs funding to organizations and programs identified for support in this first year of our new collaborative model. The \$30,000 approved by Session is comparable to 2025 but some beneficiaries have changed. Specific programs identified in each organization align more closely with our focus areas of:

- **Justice and Peace**
- **Inclusion and Equity**
- **Systemic Poverty**
- **Earth Care**

We believe we can have a more tangible impact by funding a particular program to help us all engage more deeply. We've also built flexibility into our funding model so that, where needed, we may shift funds to meet emergency needs.

Work in the World Team

**Inclusion & Equity – Lynn Coddington
& Pat Hamilton**

Justice & Peace – Suellen Myers & Siri McDonald

Systemic Poverty – Anne Teresa & Barbara Hartman

Earth Care – Emily Gross & Kay Schultz

**To find out more or inquire about
joining the team, please email:
*WorkintheWorldSPC@gmail.com***

SPC'S WORK IN THE WORLD WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

JUSTICE AND PEACE

- ✓ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- ✓ Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (EPEC)
- ✓ Presbyterian Home of the Highlands
- ✓ ANAR, Healing to Hope
- ✓ Bluefields Nicaragua Partnership/VERBO
- ✓ Annunciation House
- ✓ SPC Immigrant and Refugee Support
- ✓ Guns to Gardens

INCLUSION AND EQUITY

- ✓ Community Remembrance Project/NAACP
- ✓ Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance
- ✓ LGBTQIA+ support and programs
- ✓ SPC History

SYSTEMIC POVERTY

- ✓ Jefferson County Community Ministries
- ✓ Martinsburg Rescue Mission
- ✓ Community Meal
- ✓ Shepherdstown Shares
- ✓ Oxfam Hunger Banquet
- ✓ Community Markets, Inc.
- ✓ Congo Women's Center
- ✓ Coalfields Development Corp.

EARTHCARE

- ✓ *Watershed Support and Advocacy*
- ✓ WV Rivers/Jefferson County Foundation



Since then, there has been
no prophet in Israel like Moses.
What had Moses done?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

1.  -pupkn +  -bbit +  -lod +

 -igo +  -hoe = _____

2.  -cssors +  -love +  -oe
= _____

3.  -hale +  -mey +  -og +

 -hamm +  -tar = _____

Moses did all those _____ 1 _____

_____ 2 _____ and _____ 3 _____

the Lord sent him to do in Egypt.



Children's Worship Bulletin™

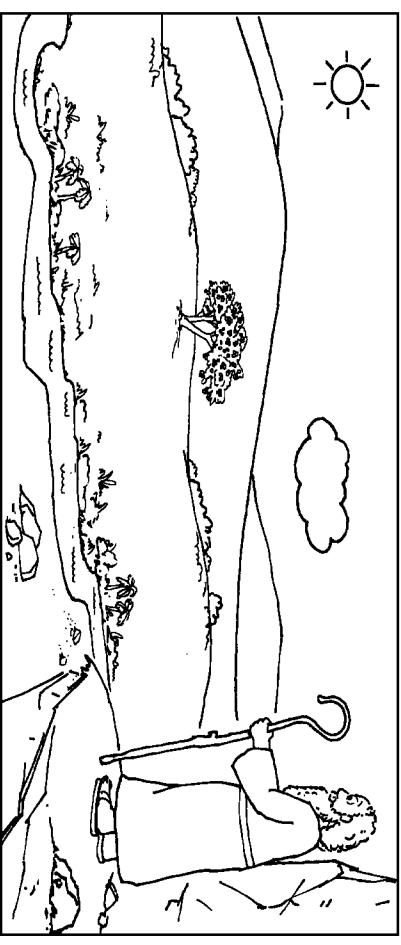
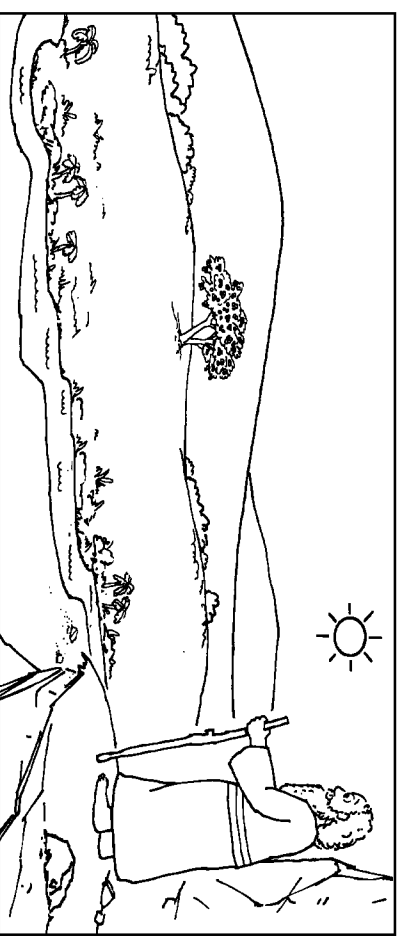
Ages 7+

October 11, 2026 • Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Death of Moses

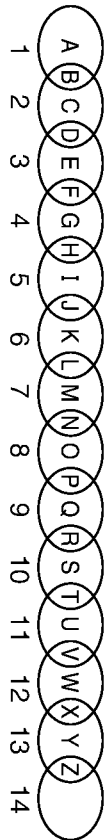
Moses climbed Mount Nebo, across from Jericho.
There the Lord showed him the whole land.

Find 12 differences in the 2nd picture.



What did the Lord say to Moses?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.



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10,11 4,5 5 10 5 10

10,11 4,5 3 6,7 1 7,8 2,3 5

8,9 9,10 8 7 5 10 3 2,3

8 7,8 8 1 10,11 4,5 10,11 8

1 1,2 9,10 1 4,5 1 7 5 10 1 1 2

1 7,8 2,3 5,6 1 2 8 1,2 ... 5

4,5 1 11,12 3 6,7 3 10,11 13 8 11

10 3 3 5 10,11 12 5 10,11 4,5

13 8 11 9,10 3 13 3 10 1,2 11 10,11

13 8 11 12 5 6,7 6,7 7,8 8 10,11

2 9,10 8 10 10 8 11,12 3 9,10

5 7,8 10,11 8 5 10,11”

Moses died on a mountain. He was 120 years old!
What happened after Moses died?

Find the underlined words in the wordsearch below.

They are .

Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

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