

*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, 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*

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12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Downstairs

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday**  
Ordinary Time

**October 18, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.

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.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Established 1743*

*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion*  
*We Choose Welcome*

We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, 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**

- Guest Preacher**  
Rev. F. Harry Daniel
- Worship Leader**  
Mica Martin
- Assistant**  
Sarah Wagner
- Choir Director**  
Sheila Melendez
- Accompanists**  
Sam Jannotta
- Tech Support**  
Terry Tucker/Percussion
- 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 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.*  
**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 commitment 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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## **"Then and Now"**

### **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.

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TBA

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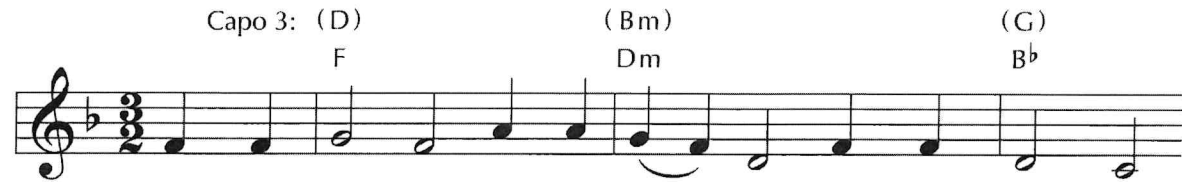
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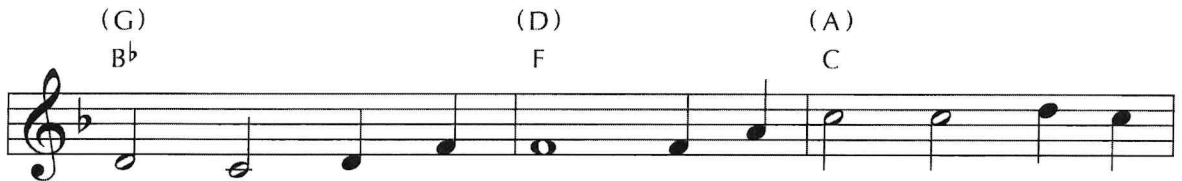
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



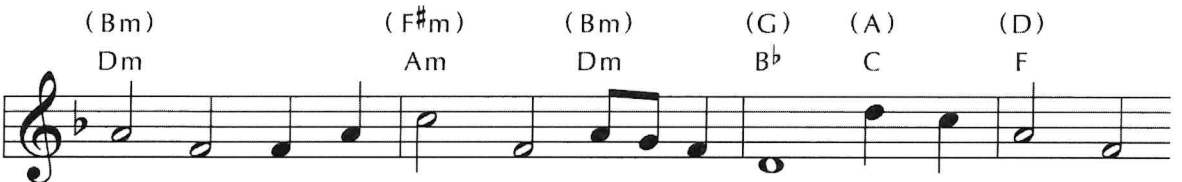
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



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 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
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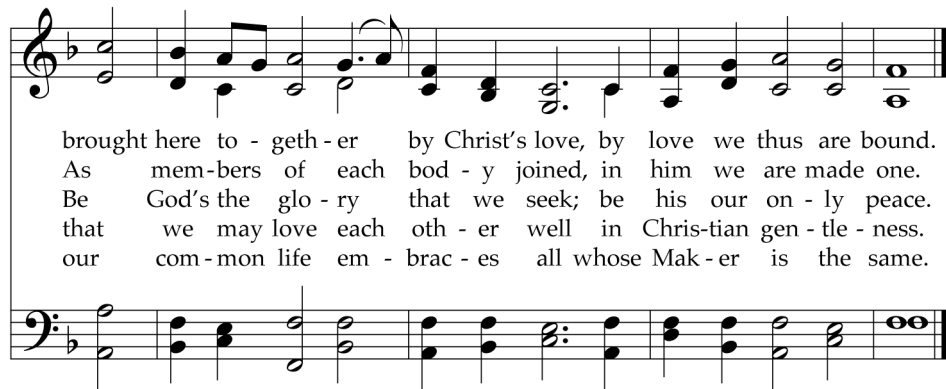
*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

## Where Charity and Love Prevail 316

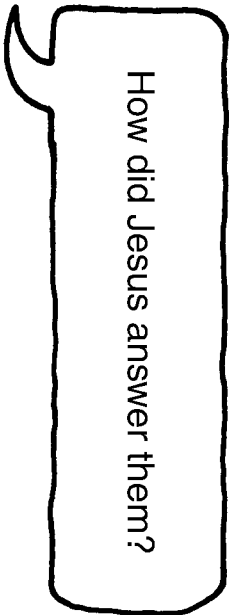


1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.  
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,  
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

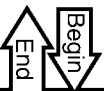


brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.  
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.



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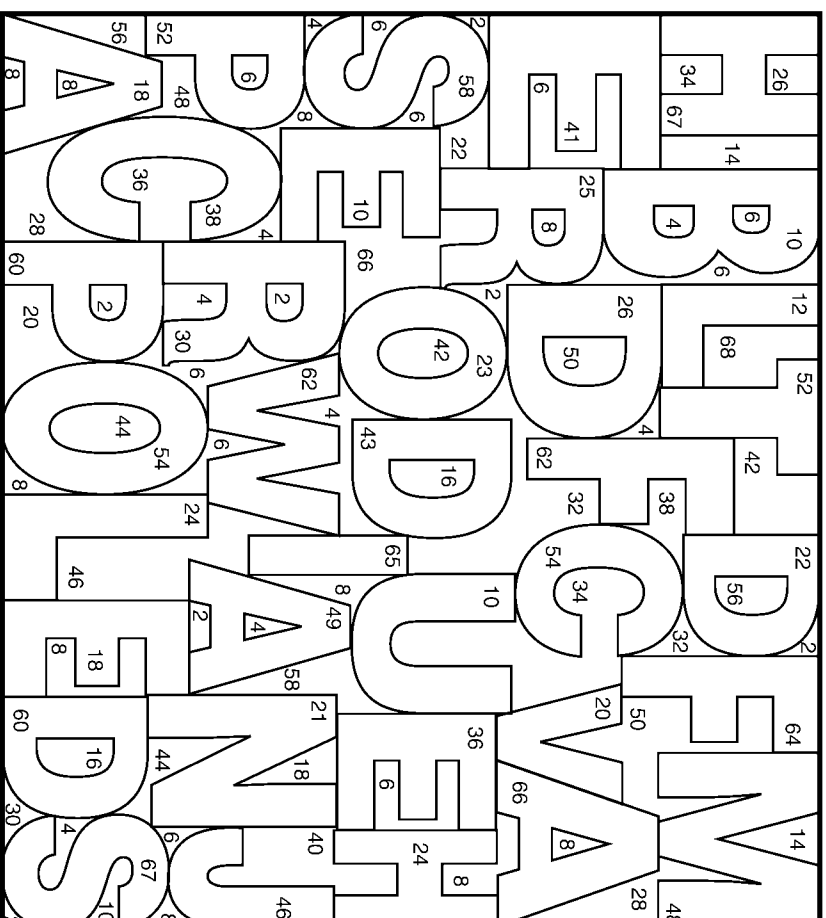


October 18, 2026 • Matthew 22:15-22

## Paying Taxes to Caesar

The Pharisees planned to trap Jesus in His word. Who did they send to Jesus?

Shade in all the shapes with an odd number to find the answer.



But Jesus knew their evil intent. What did He call them?

A black and white line drawing of a man with a beard and a hat, looking down at a small object in his hand. The man has a large, bushy beard and is wearing a hat with a band. He is looking down at a small, round object that he is holding in his hand. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style with bold lines.

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The letters in the boxes spell the answer.

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