

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 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

4:00 p.m. Oxfam Banquet – Community Club in Shepherdstown

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 p.m. The Liberating Word with Pastor Gusti – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

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

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

Daylight Savings Time Ends Turn clocks back 1 hour before going to bed

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 1 • All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

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1:00 p.m. Funeral Planning Workshop with Pastor Gusti – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,

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Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Autumnal Hints

Nights turn on a dime
like an expensive Porsche.
Seasons, roll, now Halloween
looms, beacon in this coldening time,
but where is that love designed to scorch
all the in-between?

Or is this truly twilight,
and are we on our own?
The last firefly succumbed to cold
like a predator's efficient bite.
Where is that freedom from the known
promised like a lode of gold?

Open, tired heart;
the mind will follow
like a two-wheeled garden cart,
or a dinghy while waves toss and throw
the mother ship. Or will it?
What's the secret, God / ess? Spill it.

Ed Zahmiser

A Calendar of Worship & Other Poems

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

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

Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated.

Deuteronomy 34:7

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

Psalms 90:4

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

Matthew 22:36

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant

Diana Eldridge

Choir Director

Sheila Melendez

Accompanists

Sam Jannotta

Terry Tucker/Percussion

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 27
“Sacred the Body”*

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

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

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

Genesis 2:18-23

Sermon

Always Being Re-Formed

***Hymn 250**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Woyaya”

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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**

Partnership is not a posture but a process.

John F. Kennedy

Lesson Translation

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

"Then and Now"

Litany of Remembrance

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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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Genesis 2:18-23

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Hebrews 11-12:1

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"TBA"

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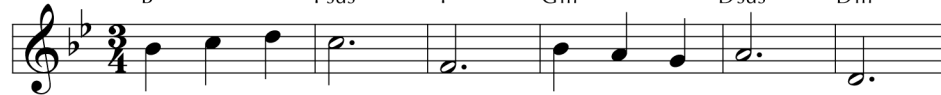
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1 Corinthians 13

Sacred the Body

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Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b F^{sus} F Gm D^{sus} Dm



1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
 2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
 3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
 4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 F^{sus} F



tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
 pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
 Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
 make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
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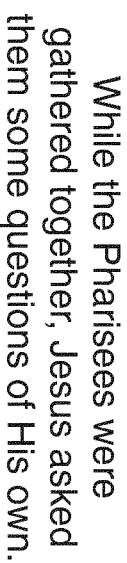
Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
 Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
 Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
 May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) 1-3 4
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
 so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
 Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
 so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

Despite biblical directives to “honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20) and “offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1), Christians have often scorned the body, failing to see how the mystery of the Incarnation continues in each person.

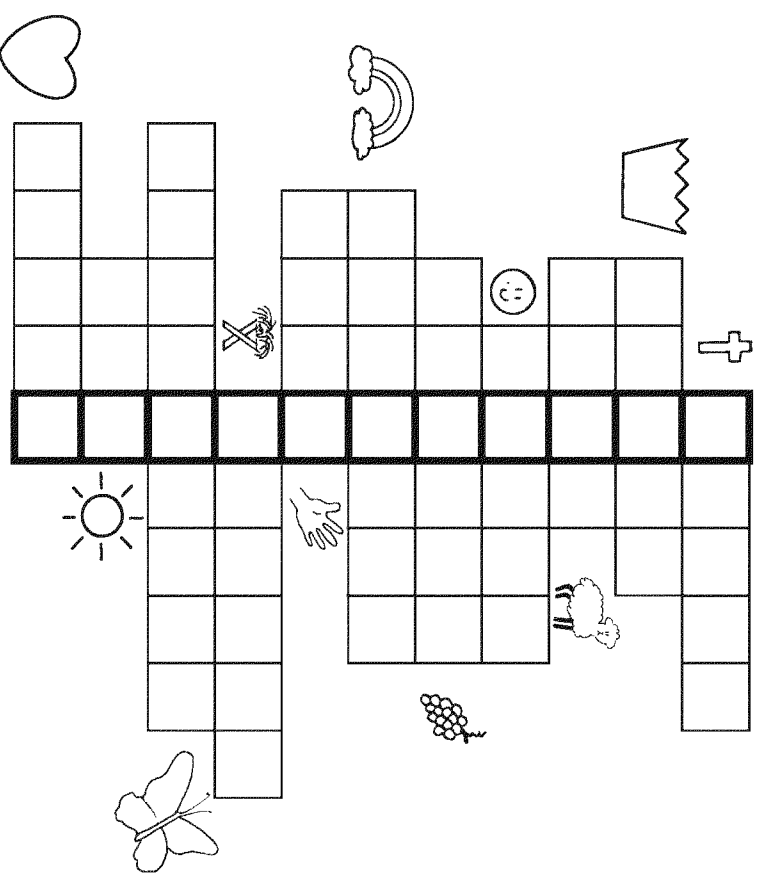


			
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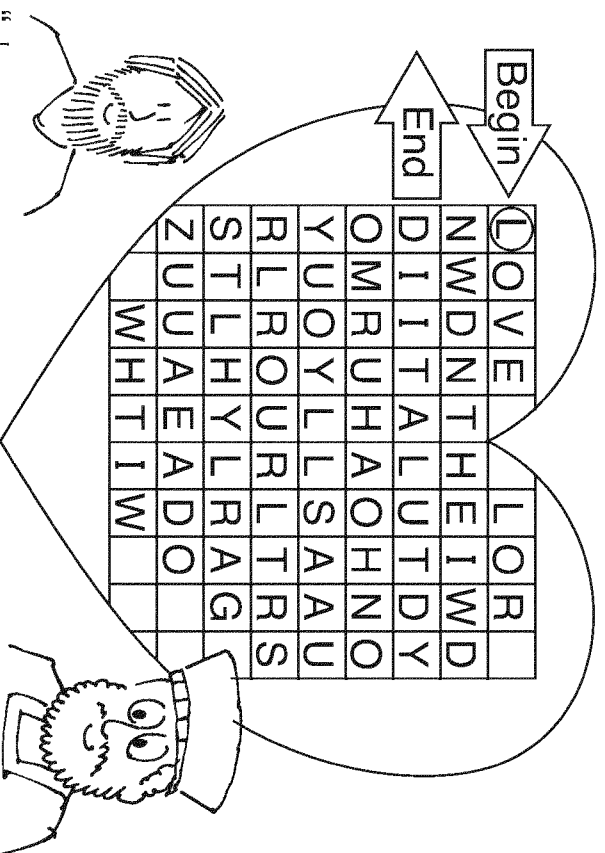
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October 25, 2026 • Matthew 22:34-46



Follow the arrows through the letters to find Jesus' answer.



Fit the pieces in the puzzle to find it.

