

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.



Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday, October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 12-20 Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom

12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Downstairs

1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Set-up & Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

2:30 p.m. Blessing the Animals – Cairn, King Street Entrance side

3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church, 215 E. Washington St., Charles Town

Monday, October 5

11:00 a.m. Work in the World Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7

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

Friday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service: Barbara Stenger – Sanctuary

Lite fare reception following the service – Fellowship Hall

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

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Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Nevertheless ... My Grace Abounds

"Shoppers, slack off. Lift up your collective head.

I AM the God who gives life to the dead

and calls things that are not

as though they were. What must I do

— all my prophets' patience long since shot —

to get a non-commercial word with you?

Should I resurrect tuberculosis

like some mall-specific Pharaonic plague

to get you to, you know, focus focus focus?!

This mall is not my temple, nor my holy mountain,

gushing sweat-shop so-called 'goods' like a fountain.

My grace goes faint with playing vague

& hard — for you at least — to get

on your (God almost surely) binge-buying rounds.

How can mere closets hold such shopper midden mounds"

— the Unpronounceable broke out in a sweat —

"There are some venues I will not forever vet!

Nevertheless, I guess, my grace abounds."

Ed Zahmiser

Mall-Hopping with the Great I AM

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Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

"I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house
of slavery." **Exodus 20:2**

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, to-
ward 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 cor-
nerstone; this was the Lord's
doing, and it is amazing in our
eyes?" **Matthew 21:42**

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant

Sarah Wagner

Choir Director

Sheila Melendez

Percussion

Terry Tucker

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.

Table Blessing

***Hymn 103**

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

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

The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar,
Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

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

Micah 4:1-4

Sermon

"The Swordsman Strikes Back"

***Hymn 373**

"O Day of Peace"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

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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**

*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**

"The Imperial March"

Never tell me the odds!

Han Solo

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

"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 4 (Peacemaking/ World Communion)

"The Swordsman Strikes Back"

Micah 4:1-4

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

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes,

who fills all realms of sound,

light and vibration.

May Your light be experienced

in our utmost holiest.

Your Heavenly Domain approaches.

Let Your will come true -
in the universe just as on earth.

Give us wisdom for our daily need,
detach the fetters of faults that bind us,

like we let go the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things,

but let us be freed from that which keeps us

from our true purpose.

From You comes the all-working will,

the lively strength to act,

the song that beautifies all

and renews itself from age to age.

Sealed in trust, faith and truth,

we confirm with our entire being.

Neil Douglas-Klatz

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

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O Day of Peace

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies

fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982

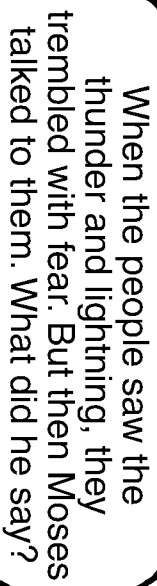
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JERUSALEM
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**Moses said
to the people,**

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

							
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October 4, 2026 • Exodus 20:1-20

God spoke to His people. What did He say?

"I am the _____ your _____, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

God gave His followers 10 commandments – or laws – to follow. Can you help fill them in?

Use these words to fill in the blanks. Some letters have been provided to help you.

do	God	gods	male	above	Honor	before	heaven	against	servant	neighbor
no	Six	holy	name	below	house	commit	misuse	belongs	seventh	Remember
ox	down	idol	wife	covet	labor	donkey	mother	beneath	worship	yourself
bow	form	Lord	work	earth	other	father	murder	keeping	adultery	testimony
day	give	make	your	false	steal	female	waters	Sabbath	anything	

1. "You shall have _____
_____ h _____ s
_____ f _____ Me."

2. "You shall not _____ k _____ for
_____ e _____ an _____ in
the _____ r _____ of anything in _____ a _____
_____ o _____ or on the _____ r _____
_____ or in the _____ a _____
_____. You shall not _____
_____ to them or _____ h _____ them."

3. "You shall not _____ s _____ the
_____ of the _____ r _____ your _____."

4. " _____ m _____ the _____ a _____
_____ by _____ n _____ it _____.
_____ days you shall _____ b _____ and _____ all
_____ r _____, but the _____ n _____
day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."

5. " _____
your _____ f _____
and your _____."

6. "You shall not _____ r _____."

7. "You shall not _____
_____ I _____."

8. "You shall not _____ t _____."

9. "You shall not _____ v _____ a _____
_____ _____ s _____
your _____."

10. "You shall not _____ c _____ your
neighbor's _____ _____. You shall not covet
your neighbor's _____ e _____, or his _____ a _____ or
_____ I _____ t _____, his _____
or _____ d _____, or _____
that _____ a _____ to your neighbor."