***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, November 8
Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
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

Monday, November 9
Church Office Hours 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Work in the World Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10
Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. The Liberating Word Bible Study – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Wednesday, November 11 • Veterans Day
Staff Holiday • Church Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Thursday, November 12
6:00 p.m. Love Thy Neighbor Fundraiser – Community Club Ballroom

Saturday, November 14
2:00 p.m. A Gathering of Remembrance: John Mason – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 15
Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
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Thirty-first Sunday
Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oracles, night visions: Zecariah's
name means "Yahweh remembers." How
would it be to be a prophet
without the canon in your day?
—Railing against each sacred cow
but no respect. Try being a poet

instead; fewer get killed
for what they say. No,
the ultimate price is postage.
November's raw air stagnates, chilled
today. Defeated politicians show
sure signs of being reduced to stumpage.

Jesus rumors heaven,
and Sadducees bag tricks to halt his show.
Winter dawns like painful breath
here, now, capable of quelling leaven.
God/ess, we would like to *know*
what happens after death?

Ed Zahniser
A Calendar of Worship & Other Poems

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

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods.
Joshua 24:16

We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done. **Psalm 78:4**

Encourage one another with these words.
1 Thessalonians 4:18

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Sarah Wagner

Choir Director
Sheila Melendez

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Percussion
Terry Tucker

Tech Support
Pete Spreen

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 820 (2x)
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

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 331__
"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

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
Liberia, Sierra Leone

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
Philippians 3:12-14

Sermon
Where We Go From Here

*__Hymn 741__
"Guide My Feet," followed by "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Won't let hatred blow it out!
Shine it for the world to see …
This little light of mine …

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
"Abide With Me"

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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)
Now is God's time for justice to flourish.
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*__Postlude__

If you can't fly, run; if you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, crawl; but by all means keep moving.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
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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*.
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and we try again.
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331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand



This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN
10.10.10.10

Guide My Feet 741



2 Hold my hand …
3 Stand by me …
4 I'm your child …
5 Search my heart …
6 Guide my feet …

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

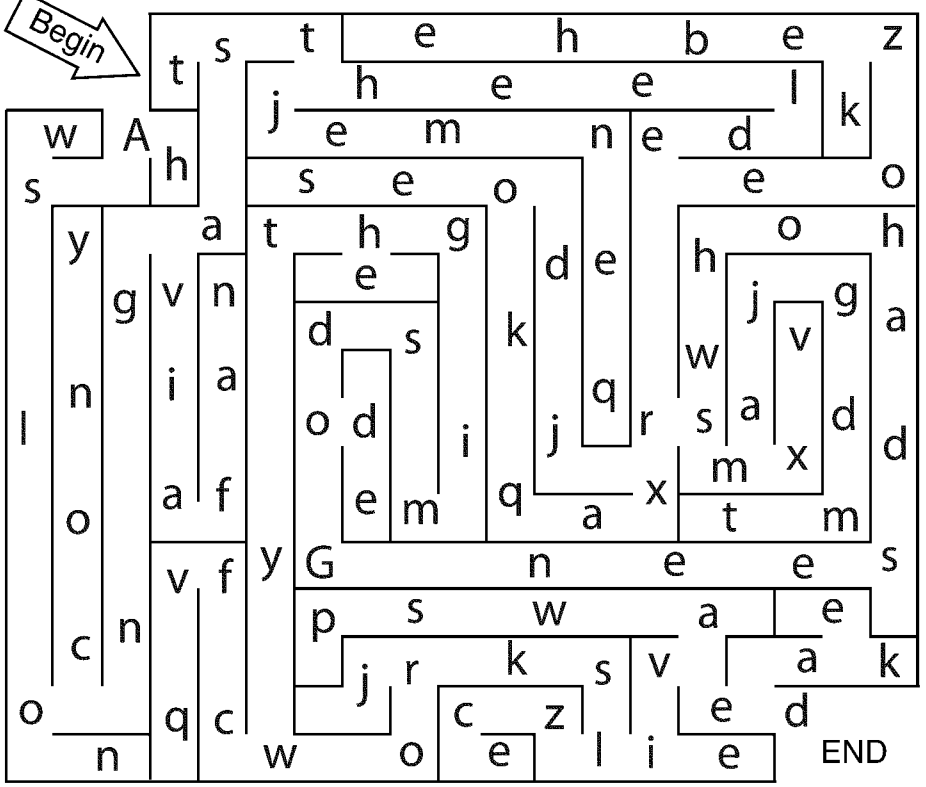
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GUIDE MY FEET
8.8.8.10



How long did the Israelites continue to serve the Lord?

To find out, follow the correct path through the maze. On the lines below, write the letters from that path in the order you find them.



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Joshua said the people must make a choice between serving idols – and serving God. What else did he tell them?

Find the letters in the circles to fill the blanks.

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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												

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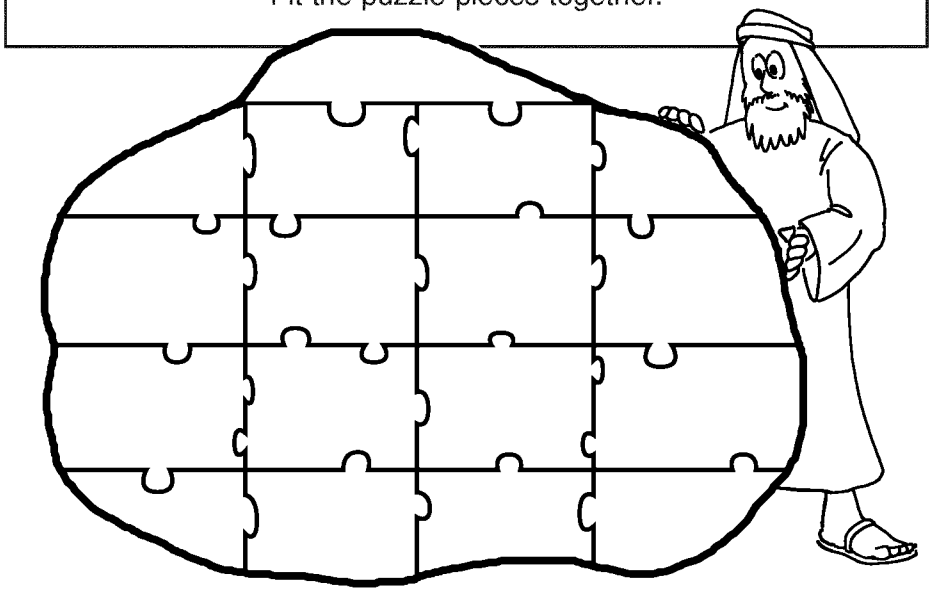
10,11 4,5 3

___ ___ ___ ___.”

6,7 8 9,10 2,3

The people insisted they would serve the Lord, too. What did Joshua do to make them keep their promise?

Fit the puzzle pieces together.



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