

The LORD said to Moses
“... I will be standing there
in front of you on the rock at
Horeb. Strike the rock, and
water will come out of it, so
that the people may drink.”

Exodus 17:6a

God split rocks open in the
wilderness, and ... caused
waters to flow down like riv-
ers.

Psalm 78:15-16

For it is God who is at work
in you, enabling you both to
will and to work for God's
good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

Did the baptism of John
come from heaven, or was it
of human origin?

Matthew 21:25a

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit Hymn 48 (3x)

Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.

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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 484

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

Prayer for Wholeness

Creator of Heaven and Earth
You who blew over the dark waters of creation
Forgive us, we pray,
for failing our Sister Water,
for misusing this gift,
for polluting instead of protecting,
for forgetting your gift is for all of creation.
May your justice roll down like rivers of Living Water,
cleansing our hearts and refreshing our spirits.
May your gift of abundant life flow forever through us.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

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

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon

“Oasis of Hope”

+Hymn 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Down to the River to Pray”

Credo

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.

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+Sending Hymn 174 (v. 3)

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Life is always like a desert.
You'll either find an oasis
or will end up in a mirage
while finding one.

Sunimal Kundu

Religion is just like an oasis
... while it lasts, seek it, and
while it is there, drink of it.

Osho

Faith is an oasis in the heart
which will never be reached
by the caravan of thinking.

Khalil Gibran

In the desert, the only god is
a well.

Vera Nazarian

+Hymns

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Opening Prayer

Beth Norcross

*National Religious Partnership
for the Environment*

Prayer for Wholeness

adapted from “Waters of
Creation: An ecumenical
service of worship”

at www.kairoscanada.org

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 27 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Monday 28

- 3:00 p.m. New members class via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. New member class via Zoom

Tuesday 29

- 10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Thursday 1

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women meet via Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Staffing Model Task Force via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Thursday Night Out!

Saturday 3

- 10:00 a.m. Deacon meeting via Zoom

**Sunday 4 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday**

*Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46*

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship & Communion via Facebook Live!
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing the Animals via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal in Charles Town

PEACEMAKING OFFERING, Sunday, Oct. 4. Our offering will be split between the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (formerly Shenandoah Women’s Center) and PCUSA national and international peacemaking programs and projects.

COFFEE TALK WITH PASTOR GUSTI continues **Sunday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.** A time to check in on how things are going and dream big for our ministry to come.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS. Pastor Gusti will host a special Zoom service of blessing for our beloved animal companions on **Sunday, Oct. 4, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

COMMUNITY MEAL on Oct. 4. Until further notice, meals will consist of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. Go to PerfectPotluck.com, coordinator Wright, password 5777 to sign up. This month’s meal will consist of meatball subs with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 that Sunday.

SUNDAY SEMINARS are exploring the book *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.** Next gathering will be **Sunday, Oct. 11, Chapter 5: Intersectionality.**

2020 VIRTUAL BOOK BAG DRIVE. SPC is participating virtually to help provide school supplies for children in need at TA Lowery Elementary through the online Target Gift Registry under the name of their school counselor Bridget Deronda (Bridget’s Other Registry). All items will be shipped directly to TA Lowery. To drop items off yourself at TA Lowery, put items in a bag marked SPC. Leave outside the school front doors in the Drop Off box. (Push the call button on the wall to notify the office that supplies are outside.)

CHILDREN’S EDUCATION COORDINATOR. SPC is looking for a paid, part-time position (approximately 5 hours per week) responsible for coordinating Sunday Studio and managing the associated logistics. If interested, please submit a resume by mail or email to the office.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended until November 30. Please contact the church office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and calendar.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday

September 27, 2020
11:00 a.m.

The Oasis

Deep in the desert’s fiery heart –
From bloom and verdure far apart –
A fountain thrusts its helping hand
Up through the arid, burning sand;
And lo! Embroidery of green
Along its silent course was seen;
Its waters wandered o’er the plain
To bless “The Land of Little Rain.”

So in some desert-place of life,
Where drought prevails, and storms are rife,
Some healing fountain, hid from sight,
Some radiant sun of love and light,
Some potent sovereign of the hour,
Asserts its strange mysterious power –
Repeats the miracle of spring,
And sets the desert blossoming.

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