

Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Jeremiah 32:14-15

Unless you, O Divine Creator, build the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Psalm 127:1 (Merrill)

Jesus said, "Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end."

Mark 12:38-40
(The Message)

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.

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 611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

God, I confess the wealth I take for granted, and the privilege that allows me to ignore the needs of those all around me. I confess I see the poor as other than me, and other than you. I see myself as other than poor. God, open my eyes, open my heart, open my hands, that I might learn to be rich in sharing all the abundance that comes from you. Amen

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome

Blessing the World

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

****Hymn 70**

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 288 (2x)

"Spirit of the Living God"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Interlude

Lessons

Psalm 127 • Mark 12:38-44, 13:1-2

Sermon

"The Widow's Mite"

***Hymn 762**

"When the Poor Ones"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Prayer of St. Patrick"

Mark Schweitzer

Affirmation

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***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.

***Response**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us. **Dorothy Day**

True happiness comes from a sense of peace and contentment, which in turn must be achieved through the cultivation of altruism, of love and compassion, and elimination of ignorance, selfishness, and greed. **Dalai Lama**

Nothing that you have not given away will ever truly be yours. **C.S. Lewis**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

To Our Guests

Glad you're 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.

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.



Ordinary Time
Twenty-sixth Sunday

September 29, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Sun 29 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Migrant Workers dinner.
Applecrest Orchard, Hedgesville
4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Wed 2

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence and candlelight. Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Thu 3

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance Training. Fellowship Hall

Sun 6 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. John Lown
Lamentations 1:1–6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. More Light group. CR 1
4:00 p.m. Concert. Sponsored by Shepherdstown Music & Dance
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

PEACEMAKING OFFERING is **Sunday, Oct. 6**. 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.

YELLOW RIBBONS on our fence commemorate the Battle of Antietam in September 1862 when this building served as a hospital for wounded and dying soldiers. We believe these events helped shape the spirit of this community of faith into one dedicated to healing and peace.

MIGRANT WORKERS DINNER will be held **TODAY 4-7 p.m.** at the Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville. All are invited to attend. There will be a carpool from SPC leaving at 3:30. Bring your favorite dish to share.

SUNDAY SEMINARS reflecting on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a*

Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe. **Sundays, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. **Oct 6: Chapters 3-4.**

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Oct. 6 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

DID YOU KNOW the sanctuary is now equipped with an induction loop system for hearing device users. To use, turn your hearing device to the "T" setting or request a loop receiver. For a hearing-impaired person without hearing aids, a simple system with a comfortable, unobtrusive earphone is available. (Ask the ushers)

Go With Me in a New Exodus

O God of fire and freedom,
deliver me from my bondage
to what can be counted
and go with me in a new exodus
toward what counts,
but can only be measured
in bread shared
and swords become plowshares;
in bodies healed
and minds liberated;
in songs sung
and justice done;
in laughter in the night
and joy in the morning;
in love through all seasons
and great gladness of heart;
in all people coming together
and a kingdom coming in glory;
in your name being praised
and my becoming an alleluia,
through Jesus the Christ.

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