

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

**Psalm 14:1**

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins.

**Jeremiah 4:23-26**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable.

**Luke 15: 1-2**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost.

**1 Timothy 1:15**

#### **Worship Leader**

Ethel Hornbeck

#### **Reflections**

Lynn Coddington

Lonce Bailey

#### **First Pew**

Season Jones

#### **Assistants**

Trixie Gibbs

Joel Dillow

Rie Wilson

#### **Organ**

Alan Ogden

#### **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.

## **GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

### **Introit (2x)**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace

Love before 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.

### **Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the Lord*

### **Prayer**

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### **\*Hymn 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

## **ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

### **Prayer for Wholeness**

O God, in our willfulness we have pursued choices that are harmful to ourselves and others. In our selfishness, we have withheld compassion from those who need it most. In our arrogance, we have clung to ways that are unworthy. In our foolishness, we have strayed from you, and ignored your calls to return. Forgive us. Inspire us again to open our hearts to your healing grace, that we might be clear channels of your mercy and peace. Amen

### **Kyrie eleison (2x)**

### **Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

#### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **Welcome**

### **Blessing the World**

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

### **\*\*Hymn 753**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

### **First Pew**

### **Parish Life**

### **Interlude**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading**

(front cover)

### **Reflection**

Psalm 14

### **Hymn 470 (vs. 1, 4)**

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

### **Reflection**

Luke 15

### **\*Hymn 649 (vs. 1, 3, 4)**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

## **SERVING THE WORLD**

### **Prayer for Others**

### **Presenting Offerings**

### **Offertory**

"Create a Pure Heart in Me"

Susan Matsui

### **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**

Christ before us...  
Light before us...

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### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Open my eyes  
to see the joys--  
the gratitudes that rise  
from suffering and surprise.

**Kent Ira Groff**

Pay attention. Be astonished.  
Tell about it. **Mary Oliver**

This is the world. Beautiful and  
terrible things will happen.  
Don't be afraid.

**Frederick Buechner**

Sin is simply any lack of con-  
scious awareness and partici-  
pation in our union with God.  
Naturally, we forget or mistrust  
and "sin" often. There seems to  
be a dance in and out of con-  
scious connection again and  
again. It's the necessary pattern  
of fall and hopeful return.

**Richard Rohr**

Without inner change there can  
be no outer change. Without  
collective change, no change  
matters. **angel Kyodo williams**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

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*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.



**Sun 15 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Congregational meeting, Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Budget & Finance meeting, CR 1

**Tue 17**

7:00 p.m. Worship committee, FH

**Wed 18**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices.  
Library

2:00 p.m. Social Justice, CR 1

7:30 p.m. Choir practice, Choir Room

**Thu 19**

10:00 a.m. Listening group, CR 1

7:00 p.m. Listening group, Balcony

**Fri 20**

6:00 p.m. TGIF Supper Group

Hosted by Priscilla Deem

**Sat 21**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast, Fellowship Hall

**Sun 22 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Preacher: Ethel Hornbeck

*Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; Psalm 79:1—9; 1 Timothy 2:1—7;*

*Luke 16:1—13*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Immigrant/Refugee support  
committee, CR 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar, Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. Budget & Finance, CR 1

**SPECIAL OFFERING** for migrant workers (month of September): dry foods (rice, beans, coffee, masa) plus men's clothing and shoes. Please wrap or bag neatly. Place food in bushel baskets in office foyer and clothing in collection nook (on way to nursery).

**CONSTITUTION DAY.** On Tuesday, Sept. 17, Mary Bell will ring the church bell at 4:00 p.m., 13 times, one for each of the original colonies. Join Mary in the balcony for this annual tradition of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**SUNDAY SEMINARS** begin **Sept. 22, 9:45 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. This fall will focus on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. Books in the office \$20, or pay what you can. Childcare provided.

**EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES (ESP)** third Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m., SPC library beginning **Sept. 18**. All are welcome. Questions or concerns, contact Larry Neumark via the office.

**LISTENING GROUPS.** Prayerful listening and conversation using poetry and other selected texts. Groups meet on the third Thursday of each month, at 10-11 a.m. in Classroom #1, and 7-8 p.m., in the balcony. All are welcome. Begins **Sept. 19**.

**MIGRANT WORKER'S DINNER** SPC will again provide a dinner of thanks for migrant workers who come to our area this time of year. All are invited to attend. Location: Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, **Sunday, Sept. 29, 4-7 p.m.** There will be a carpool from SPC leaving at 3:30. Bring your favorite dish to share. Contact John Gonano 304-867-4368 for more info.

**SPC MONTHLY HYMN SING** reconvenes **Sept. 29**, the last Sunday of September, 4:30-5:30 in the choir room. No need to read music. All are welcome. This is open to the community. Questions, email Terry Tucker via the office.

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**Ordinary Time**

Twenty-fourth Sunday

**September 15, 2019**

11:00 a.m.

**WELCOMING BLESSING**

When you are lost in your own life.  
When the landscape you have known falls away.  
When your familiar path becomes foreign and you find yourself  
a stranger in the story you had held most dear.  
Then let yourself be lost.

Let yourself leave for a place  
whose contours you do not already know,  
whose cadences you have not learned by heart.  
Let yourself land on a threshold  
that mirrors the mystery of your own  
bewildered soul.

It will come as a surprise,  
what arrives to welcome you  
through the door, making a place for you  
at the table and calling you by your name.  
Let what comes, come.

Let the glass be filled. Let the light be tended.  
Let the hands lay before you  
what will meet you in your hunger.  
Let the laughter.

Let the sweetness that enters the sorrow.  
Let the solace that comes as sustenance  
and sudden, unbidden grace.

For what comes, offer gladness.  
For what greets you with kindly welcome, offer thanks.  
Offer blessing for those  
who gathered you in and will not be forgotten—  
those who, when you were a stranger,  
made a place for you at the table  
and called you by your name.

**Jan Richardson**

*The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*

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