

**Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church** is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. We cultivate a holistic spirituality that, while rooted in the Christian faith, welcomes the wisdom of all faith traditions. We are a house of prayer and a school of love, seeking to serve the world in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.



**Sun 7 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic. Narthex

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

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

**Wed 10**

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

**Sat 13**

6:30 p.m. Movable Feast. Hosted by Priscilla & Gary Deem

**Sun 14 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Job 23:1–9; 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31*

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

9:45 a.m. Q & A with Jess Cook. Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Migrant Worker dinner. Applecrest Orchard, Hedgesville

**COMMUNION TODAY:** All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the “wine” is alcohol free.

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING** collected on Oct. 7 will be split between the Shenandoah Women’s Center and PCUSA national and international peacemaking programs.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.,** (Note new time) Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**Q+A WITH MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS.** Jess Cook, Program and Communications Manager for MLP, and lead trainer on our recent “Welcoming LGBTQ Youth” video seminars, will be our guest preacher for the day, and will also be present between services to give us an update on what MLP is up to these days, and answer

any lingering questions we may have about the welcoming youth material, as well as the work and witness of MLP in the world. **Sunday October 14 at 9:45. Fellowship Hall.**

**DINNER WITH OUR MIGRANT WORKER FRIENDS** Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, **Sunday, October 14, 3-6 p.m.** Bring a side dish to share. Meet at SPC at 2 p.m. for carpooling. Questions? Contact John Gonano, [jgonano@hotmail.com](mailto:jgonano@hotmail.com).

**PEACEFEST: ENGAGING WITH HOPE.** A community gathering in the spirit of St. Francis. Songs and stories of lament, hope and inspiration. **Sunday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.** Sanctuary **REV. BILL SITTERLEY** will be on vacation October 8-21. During his absence, contact Kathy Reid in the office. Phone messages will be checked daily and forwarded to the appropriate person.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Ordinary Time  
Twenty-seventh Sunday

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 7, 2018**  
11:00 a.m.

**A Blessing for World Communion Sunday**

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

*And we will come as children who trust there is enough.*

*And we will come unhindered and free.*

*And our aching will be met with bread.*

*And our sorrow will be met with wine.*

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

*And we will become bread for a hungry world.*

*And we will become drink for those who thirst.*

*And the blessed will become the blessing.*

*And everywhere will be the feast.*

**Jan Richardson**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Celebrating 275 Years*

*Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future*

*We Choose Welcome*

## 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 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

### Prayer for Wholeness

O God, you love all peoples and nations. You call us to dream with you, and to choose the way of wholeness and peace. But we fail to love you and others wholeheartedly. We condone the ways of violence and greed, and allow fear to rule our lives. Free us. Help us return to your way of compassion. Make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our lives, in the world. Amen

### Silence

### Kyrie eleison (2x)

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

### \*Response

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah.

### Welcome

### Blessing the World

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

### \*\*Hymn 378 (vs. 1-3)

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

### First Pew

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the lord, who has compassion on you. **Isaiah 54:10**

The Beloved lives in our hearts; Love dwells with us forever. May Love give strength to all people! May Love bless all nations with peace! **Psalm 29:11** (Merrill)

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” **Matthew 5:9**

Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. **II Thessalonians 3:16**

### Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

### Piano

Georgiann Toole

### Interlude

Ryan Walker

### Choir Conductor

Gino Santacroce

Joel Dillow

Leslie Williams

### Assistants

Debbie Romano

### 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.

### Childcare Available

In the nursery at the 11:00 service  
See ushers for assistance.

## Parish Life

### Memorial Prayer

### \*Hymn 530

“One Bread, One Body”

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Matthew 5:9

### Sermon

“Blessed are The Peacemakers”

### \*Hymn 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Communion

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia.

## SERVING THE WORLD

### Presenting Offerings

### Offertory

“Gather by the River to Pray”  
Trad/arr. Pepper Choplin

### Affirmation

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### International Peace Prayer

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust  
lead us from hate to love, from war to peace  
let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

### \*Response

Peace before us...

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### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Anyone can love peace, but Jesus didn't say, “Blessed are the peace-lovers.” He says “peacemakers.” He is referring to a life vocation, not a hobby on the sidelines of life. **Jim Wallis**

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. **St. Francis of Assisi**

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world. **Etty Hillesum**  
*writing from the Westerbork concentration camp*

What does non-violence look like for us? It is certainly not the passivity of the victim. It entails resisting rather than colluding with abusive power. It does mean, however, accepting suffering rather than passing it on. It refuses to shame, blame, threaten or demonize. **Pat Farrell** OSF

**Flowers placed by**  
the Price family fund

\* stand if you are able

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

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