

Say to the breath, the Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live!

Ezekiel 37:9

When you let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again. **Psalms 104:30**

...the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans.

Romans 8:26

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. **Acts 2:4**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit (3x)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us,
the gates of your kingdom.

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

+Hymn 288 (3x)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
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Prayer for Wholeness

Holy One, we come to you in this in-between time and place.
We are no longer in lockdown but not fully open.
We are less fearful but still cautious.
We test new forms of gathering we hope will soon feel normal.
We delight in mask free smiles, and in non-distanced hugs
while sanitizing our hands just as often.

Forgive us our impatience, O God,
with this time of almost but not quite yet.

Content us with modest shifts that protect the most vulnerable.
Nurture in us a taste for slow and steady growth
that is Spirit breathed.

Grant us gratitude and wisdom that the new normal
may be filled full with your justice, mercy, and peace.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Psalms 104:24-34
by Nan Merrill

Interlude

Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

"Living Bones"

+Hymn 294 (3x)

Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away,
never dies away.
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you kindle the fire that never dies away,
never dies away.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

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 +Hymn 748 (2x)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

(Jack) teaches his students, and has taught me, to slow down, breathe, and take care of everyone, which is of course the same message Jesus taught - that breath is our connection to holy spirit, to our bodies, minds, and soul.

Anne Lamott

All church prayers are the breathing of the Holy Spirit; as it were spiritual air and also light, spiritual fire, spiritual food and spiritual raiment.

John of Kronstadt

All things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man. The air shares its spirit with all the life it supports.

Chief Seattle

Life is a spiritual breath.

Lailah Gifty Akita

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+Hymns

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Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday

July 11, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

3:00 p.m. Eradicating systemic poverty Program at Tuscarora Presbyterian Church (see below)

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Monument Park

7:00 p.m. Immigration demystified via Zoom (see below)

Saturday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall BYOB

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

PASTOR GUSTI IS ON VACATION from Tuesday, June 29 - Sunday, July 25. Guest preachers are listed below. Deacon Co-Moderator, Debbie Romano (romano.debbie@gmail.com) is available for Pastoral Care. Lynn Dampman is monitoring Pastor Gusti's email in her absence.

GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Shaw-Meadow, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Mission Presbytery. Susan comes to us from San Antonio where she is a Candidate for ordained ministry in the PCUSA, and a 2020 graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Susan served for many years as a Christian educator in Presbyterian and United Methodist congregations with a focus on ministry with children and youth. She recalls her time on staff with interim pastor Gusti Newquist as one of great creativity and growth. Susan is delighted and greatly honored to be serving in worship with us this morning here at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church.

PHASED RE-OPENING. The Session has set a target date for September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day, as our soft opening for what we are calling "hybrid" worship. For more details, please see the article in the "News" section of our website.

THE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE is hosting another webinar this evening at 7pm EDT called "Demystifying Immigration." An expert will debunk some common myths about immigration and immigrants.

JULY HYMN SING 4:00-5:00 PM at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring hymnals if you have them; if not, Terry brings a supply plus hand sanitizer. Bring something to sit on and water. Bring your family, bring your friends; this sing is open to all and should be quieter as the cicadas have dwindled. Any questions, email Terry, terrytuckersunforest@gmail.com

Psalm 104

All of creation looks to You,
to give them food in
due season.

When we are in harmony with You,
the earth provides;
yes, a bountiful harvest to be
shared with all.

When we misuse what You have created
for us, we blame You for the famine and
destruction that ensues,
and feel alienated from You.

Even so, You continue to send forth
your Spirit, and the earth,
though not without turmoil,
is renewed.

Nan Merrill

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