



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. Page

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Drew Crompton

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

P: Praise God, who is Lord of lords and King of all kings!

L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Drew Crompton

God of Mercy, we stand in awe of your patience and your grace. Time and time again, you deliver us from suffering and shower us with blessing, and yet we still doubt you. Like the Israelites thirsting in the wilderness, we lash out in frustration and test you. We demand to know if you are still with us, when we are the ones who walk away from you! We accuse you of forgetting us when it is we who forget you. Lord, forgive our faithless ways. Reshape our hearts, fill them with gratitude, and renew our trust in you and your provision. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

KYRIE—HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Drew Crompton

L: Hear the good news of the Gospel. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia, and thanks be to God!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Drew Crompton

L: Now, as those who know God's peace in Jesus Christ, let us share his peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

FIRST READING

Psalm 95:1-9

Drew Crompton

SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON

“Our Sin and God's Grace, Part 2:
The Sin of Testing”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

“I Will Lift Up My Eyes”
Sanctuary Choir

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Chase

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Chase

*Doxology, Hymnal #606 “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

*HYMN #81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #541, v.1

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Toccata”

Blake

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

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The chancel flowers are given by Don and Chris Winning
in celebration of Nathan’s birthday.

Hearing-assist devices are located at each entrance of the Meeting House.

To assist those who for some reason must leave the sanctuary during the worship service, a video-camera link broadcasts the service to the Chapel.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

Ushers: Susan Neville and Roy McLain

Liturgist: Drew Crompton

Deacon Server: Jenny Bell and Charlie Dagino

Downtown Daily Bread March 13th: Jonathan and Carol Service

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 8, 2026

2026 Lenten Series Offered at SSPC

Join Pastors Lisa Chase and Don Wahlig for a meaningful four-week Lenten Series. **The remaining dates are March 11, 18, and 25.** This series is designed as an in-person experience, inviting you into spiritual practices that will foster a deeper experience of God in your faith journey. Together, we will explore sacred disciplines to help deepen our ability to notice and listen to God.

Through guided reflections, shared conversation and spiritual exercises, we will learn how to apply discernment in everyday life and cultivate awareness, clarity, and faithful responses throughout the Lenten season and beyond within a supportive, prayerful community. Hope to see you there! Please sign up in the Gathering Place or on Realm.

Easter Lily Orders

Help us celebrate Christ's resurrection by ordering an Easter lily to decorate our beautiful church. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Place. Lilies are \$15.00 (checks only please, made payable to SSPC). Please submit your order by Monday, March 30th.

Blood Pressure Sunday

Come to have your pressure checked this Sunday in Room 201 from 10 am to 10:45 am.

Adult Forum and Sunday School today, Room 204, 10 am

We will continue our Lenten study, "He Choose the Nails" from Max Lucado. Join us for this five-part series explaining the meaning behind the symbols of Easter.

Youth Church, Room 112

Join us downstairs for music, a Christian Education lesson, crafts and games. This class is for children from 1st grade and up.

Preschool/Kindergarten Youth Church, 10:15-10:50 am, Room 108

There will be singing, a lesson, and play time.

The Intergenerational Choir

We will practice this Sunday, March 8th, preparing for our next performance over the Lenten season. All Sunday School children are invited to sing, along with parents and grandparents. Come and join us as we praise the Lord with song!

Monday Bible Study – March 9th

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We will begin an in-depth study of the Gospels. Come learn and discuss.

Wednesday Bible Study

We meet each week in the Parlor from 1-3 pm, currently studying Max Lucado's new book, "Taming Your Thoughts". This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn!

Lunch Bunch

We will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11:30 am at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5250 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. For reservations, sign up in the Gathering Place or email Dale or Linda Darkes at dldarkes@comcast.net. Please join us!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

CE and the CORE Youth will host this year's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th, from 9 am to 11 am. It is open to children from 1 to 10 years old. Coffee and donuts served starting at 9 am. The Hunt will begin around 10 am and last as long as there are eggs. The Easter bunny will make an appearance to meet the children and be available to take pictures. Prizes will be awarded to finders of the special "golden" eggs.

Look for a decorated basket in the Gathering Place, if you would like to donate candy or empty plastic Easter Eggs to the event. This will be SSPC's next outreach event, come one, come all!

Save the Date – Ladies Tea Luncheon on May 2nd

Ladies, reserve May 2nd for the annual Presbyterian Women's Tea Luncheon starting at 11 am. This year's guest speaker will be from Pink Hands of Hope – a non-profit in our community committed to supporting women fighting breast cancer.

Breast cancer has touched the lives of so many people, and we would like to know if you are among them. If you or an immediate loved one has ever used the services of Pink Hands of Hope in Mechanicsburg, please let us know by contacting Ellen Frey or Carol Service.

Young Adults Christian Education Group, the Pathfinders!

CE and young leaders from SSPC started a new group for young adults over 18. For more information, please contact Ty Headley. The group is currently studying from the Book of Matthew.

Short Stories

A group of us are writing a series of short stories reflecting the precious and tender work of a minister of word and sacrament. Please find the latest installment on the bulletin board. Any questions about this, please reach out to Pastor Lisa. If you would like to share something funny, meaningful, a God-sighting, please let me know. And let me know what you think! Warm regards- Lisa

Laundry Ministry Update

We continue to collect quarters in the Gathering Place, in the laundry basket and purchase laundry cards to hand out to patrons at local Morris Laundromats. The weather has curtailed our efforts, but we'll be back at it soon. Thanks for the prayers & quarters!

Feed My Starving Children

According to UNICEF about 13,000 children under the age of five die every day, with malnutrition being a major underlying factor in these premature deaths.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children. With God's help they work together with local organizations and ministries to end hunger. They have developed a process they call "Mobil Pack" that allows them to pack, label and box thousands of meals in a weekend.

Locally, the Turning Point Church Mechanicsburg is hosting a Mobil Pack operation on the weekend of March 13-15. Their goal is to raise \$65,000 and pack over 200,000 meals.

The Mission Committee is recruiting a team to volunteer on Friday March 13th for either the 2-4 PM or the 6-8 PM shift. Not all work requires standing. While donations are welcome, they are not required.

If you're interested, please send an email to Fred Shatto at fredshatto@gmail.com and indicate which shift you can volunteer. This is a great event and fun for people to do together. I hope you can join us.

Fred Shatto

CORE Youth

There will be Core this week from 6PM-8PM. We will meet in the Core room and stuff Easter Eggs. Once we are done we will continue our evening with prayer, and games.

New Hope Ministries

The following items are needed this month: pancake mix, pancake syrup, and shampoo. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel.

Earth Care: Money saving garden tip

If you are planting seeds, a good tip to save money:

Toilet paper tubes make excellent biodegradable starters. Cut them in half, fill with potting soil and plant the seeds. Place in tray to keep damp. When the seeds are ready for planting, plant the whole thing. Seeds will grow and the cardboard of the tube will deteriorate.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Kris Carpinello and her parents, the Arbogasts, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagineo, Margaret Glockner, Chad Hall, Betty Hawk, Russ Janson, Ron Kutz, Ken Miller, Pat Miller, Bill Moore, Rich Morelli, Betsy Neilson, Deb Pfaff, Chris Sebring, Tanya Wagner, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Bill Cook for the death of his mother

Prayers for our Military Members & First Responders: Olivia Chase, Jacob Flenner, Wyatt La Pointe, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Chloe Scott

ATTENDANCE

February 22	March 1 - Youth Sunday
9 am Traditional – 78 YouTube – 106	9 am Traditional – YouTube –
11 am Gathering – 42 YouTube – 33	11 am Gathering – 48 YouTube –
Sunday School – 16	Sunday School – 18

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Tracy Wieseman	Director of Music
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Austin Shoop	Youth Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Sexton

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Our Mission is to love and praise God, love and nurture our church family, and love and serve our neighbors,

through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, hands-on work, financial support and compassionate care,

in order to follow Jesus and make known the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Vision is to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.

Our Values:

Glorify God: Glorify and praise God through discipling, sharing faith and serving with love

Show Compassion: Compassion expressed as care and concern for all

Share Hospitality: Inclusive hospitality through welcome, acceptance and fellowship

Nurture Relationships: Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

Steward God's gifts: Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts



Soli Deo Gloria

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

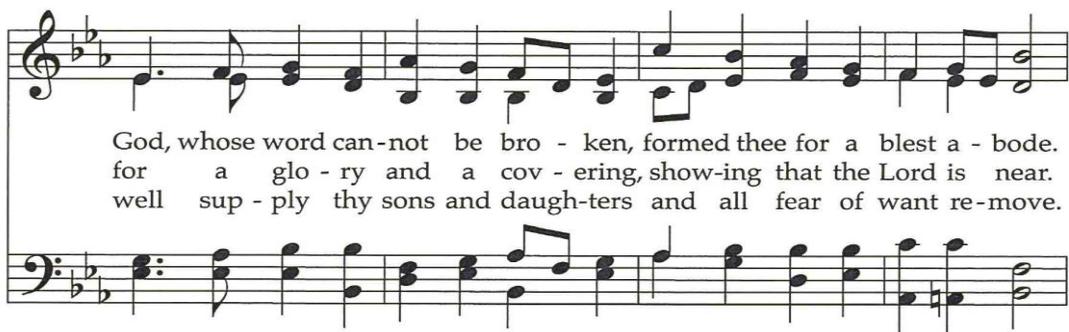
with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

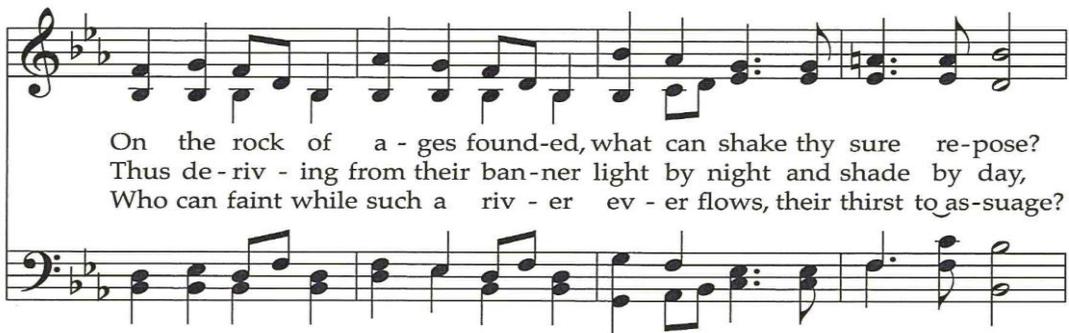
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



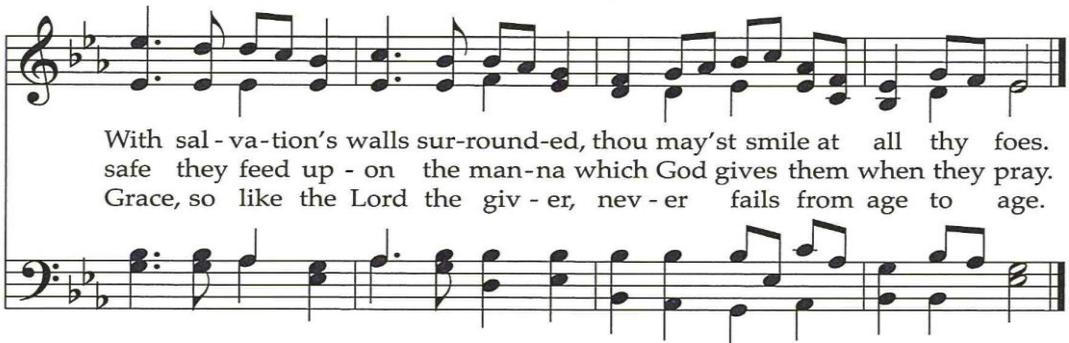
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.