



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 4, 2026

*Second Sunday of Christmas, 9:00 am*

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Forgiveness”

Stowman

Brad Bumsted, trumpet

+\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Drew Crompton

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

P: We have seen his glory, and we worship the Light that has come into the world!

L: Come, let us rejoice in the light of God's love!

P: We worship Jesus Christ, God's light, our Lord, and our Savior.

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN #115

“Away in a Manger”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Drew Crompton

God of Love, you came into this world in the Christ child, the very embodiment of your love. In him, you call us to shine the light of your love on all we encounter. With hearts and minds misshapen by sin and misguided by the world's wisdom of self-interest and greed, we fail to love others as Jesus calls us to do. Forgive us, we pray. Remake our hearts and conform our will to yours, so that our lives might witness to the light of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. (Continue in Silent Reflection & Confession.)

\*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: Friends, what will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

P: **Neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

L: What, then, can we say?

P: **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

L: It is God who justifies. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## +\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #121

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

## +\* 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

Austin Shoop

### FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-17

Drew Crompton

### SECOND READING

John 1:1-18

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

### SERMON

"The Big Picture"

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"  
Brad Bumsted, trumpet

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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...Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

## HYMN #507

## “Come to the Table of Grace” verse 1

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)  
 F C Dm F7/C B<sup>b</sup>

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)  
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

## THE INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Great is the mystery of faith:

## 553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Hymn #612 "We Praise You, O God"

### CLOSING PRAYER

601

Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

\*DOXOLOGY #606

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 #119

["Hark the Herald Angels Sing"](#)

\*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

"Sortie in C"

Ellis

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit*

*+Latecomers will be seated*



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.

The chancel flowers are given by Carol Gebert in memory of Joel Gebert, for his January 7th birthdate.

The window flowers are given by Emily Krebs in honor of Bob's birthday.

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK**

**Ushers:** Jim and Carol Bogar      **Lay Liturgist:** Drew Crompton

**Deacon Servers:** Claudia Brown and Cindy Corbin

**Downtown Daily Bread on January 9th:** Jim and Carol Bogar

**WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 4, 2026**

**Taking Down of the Greens**

Join us today after the Traditional and Gathering services for the taking down of the greens and Christmas trees. Many hands make light work and we appreciate your help!

**The Service of Gratitude and Hope scheduled for January 6th has been canceled.**

**The Intergenerational Choir**

We will practice today! All Sunday School children are invited to sing, along with parents and grandparents. Come and join us as we praise the Lord with song!

**Adult Forum and Sunday School today**

We resume today at 10:10 am in Room 204, continuing our study of Rob Bell videos.

**Youth Church meets today:** We will study about Jesus and the Bible, sing, do crafts and play games. This class is for children from 5 to 17! Parents and grandparents are invited!

**Pre-K/K youth Church will resume on January 11 at 10:15- 10:50 in Room 108.**

**Monday Bible Study - January 12th:** All are invited to this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week, in Room 204. We will begin an in-depth study of the Gospels.

**Calling Bell Choir members!** We are planning on resuming bell choir rehearsals and performances. Please email Tracy at [tracy@silverspring.org](mailto:tracy@silverspring.org) if you are interested. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm a few weeks before we ring in church.

## **Dining Out Group - ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Please join SSPC Lunch Bunch/Dining Out Group for a combined potluck event at the Waugh Wilson Retreat Center on Thursday January 15th, 2026 at 5 pm. A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place. We are asking participants to bring a dish to share (vegetable, salad, beverage, rolls, appetizer, dessert). Main course provided. Please contact Chris Winning with any questions (717) 439-0521.

## **Wednesday Bible Study meets again in January**

Our Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin again on January 14, 2026, in the Parlor from 1-3 pm. The group will be studying Max Lucado's new book, "Taming Your Thoughts". This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn, come and discuss.

## **Communion help needed**

Through the monthly service of Communion we are reminded that we are one in body in Christ, united with believers across time and space. With this in mind, please volunteer to prepare Communion or serve Communion in 2026. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. If you have never done this and need help, indicate this when you sign up. Thank you, Kathryn Ressler and Teena Russell

## **Young Adults Christian Education Group, the Pathfinders!**

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

## **Laundry Ministry Update**

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue their Laundry Ministry. We will be visiting several Morris laundromats over the Holiday to share the blessings from the congregation with as many patrons as possible - stay tuned for further updates.

## **Storyboard Ministry**

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry called the Storyboard Ministry! Whatever is on your heart, put it on the storyboard and we will pray for each request. If you see a request that you would like to take with you and pray for, feel free to do so. If you want to add one, please do as well. **Our new box for answered prayers is now in place beside the Storyboard. Feel free to place any answered prayers that you are thankful for in the box. God does indeed answer prayers! Blessings.**

## **Something fun to look forward to in the New Year!**

Watch for something new and fun on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place! Short stories will be shared to spark curiosity, build connection, and provide a fun, delightful literary treat to look forward to. As the stories begin, we will invite you to share your own experiences – especially the funny, surprising, heartwarming, and bittersweet moments of being a member of a church. Check out the story there today!

## **CORE Youth**

There is CORE today, January 4th, from 6-8 pm. Tonight we will begin preparing for Youth Sunday so come ready with your ideas as we plan the best youth Sunday yet! God bless you all!

## **2026 ROAR WINTER MISSION TRIP**

The ROAR Team will return to Tallahassee, FL to work with Big Bend Habitat For Humanity building homes for families who need a decent affordable place to live. Building skills are not necessary, only willing hands and feet to witness to Jesus' love by helping people in their time of need.

The work week will be Monday, February 02 through Friday, February 06, 2026. Volunteers will arrive in Tallahassee on Sunday, February 01. Departure dates will be as needed by the volunteers. We will be building new homes in an area of Tallahassee developed by Big Bend Habitat. It is important that I know how many people will be on the Team as soon as possible so hotel reservations can be completed.

If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net), by phone at 717-766-2714, or see me at church.

## **Prayers of healing and comfort:**

Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arbogasts, Roxanne Dagino, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Phil Mercatili, Betsy Neilson, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Ada Sloane, Scott Vaughan, Don Winning

**Prayers for sympathy:** Family of Lynne Jackson, Roy McLain and his family for the death of his brother, Bruce

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

## 115

## Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D)

F

(G)

B♭

(D)

F



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G)

B♭

(D)

F



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7)

C7

(D)

F

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



## ATTENDANCE

**December 21**  
9 am Traditional—133    YouTube—65  
11 am Gathering—62    YouTube—18  
Sunday School—16

**December 28**  
11 am Lessons & Carols—107  
YouTube—77

## CHURCH STAFF

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