



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 18, 2026

Mission Sunday, 9:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cheryl Moore, Co-chair, Mission Committee

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"In Christ Alone"  
Handbell Choir

arr. Bettcher

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Moore

L: We worship the Lord. We wait patiently for the Lord, and the Lord hears our cry.

P: **God lifts us up from places of despair and restores us.**

L: The Lord sets a new song within us, a song of praise and thanksgiving for God who saves us.

P: **We come to serve God who calls each of us.**

L: Let us worship the Lord who is faithful to us.

ALL: **God calls us and in Christ, we are strengthened in unity.**

+\*HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Cheryl Moore

Holy and faithful God, you have called us to be in relationship to your son, Jesus. But we confess we live divided lives, one foot in the Kingdom and one foot in the world. We cling to our own opinions, and we find it hard to make room to consider others' viewpoints. We elevate our preferences, and we forget that we belong first to Christ.

You desire unity among us, but we allow pride and fear to divide us. We want to trust in your return and your salvation, but we become impatient and rely on our own strength. Forgive us O God, lift us from the pits we create for (cont'd.)

ourselves. Set our feet upon your path of righteousness and grace.  
Compassionate God, restore us to Christ once more, forgiven and cherished.  
(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

\*KYRIE—HYMN # 551                      “Lord, Have Mercy”

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

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Cheryl Moore**

L: Hear the good news: Nothing in all of creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Not our failures, not our doubts, not our fears and not our past. In Jesus Christ, we are claimed, forgiven, and made new.

**P: Allelujah!**

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #649

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

## +\* PASSING THE PEACE

Cheryl Moore

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

## ROAR TEAM COMMISSIONING

Rev. Lisa Chase, Rev. Dr. Wahlig, Members of ROAR

## FIRST READING

## Psalm 40:1-11

# Austin Shoop

## SECOND READING

## I Corinthians 1:1-9

**Cheryl Moore**

## Introduction of Sara's House of Hope Speakers

Bill Moore

## PRESENTATION

## Sara's House of Hope

Terry and Lori Mishler

# ANTHEM

**“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”  
Sanctuary Choir**

Getty & Townend  
arr. Larson

# 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 #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chase

\*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

"Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Page

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

*+Latecomers will be seated*

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ROAR Team to Tallahassee, Florida Working with Big Bend Habitat for Humanity		
Dennis Bell	Marlene Holmes	Charlie Myers
Jenny Bell	Curt Hudson	Marlin Myers
Devin Betz	Susan Hudson	Kathryn Solons
Gary Betz	Cathy Leeds	Steven Solons
Mike Gawlas	Dick Leeds	Susie Reed
Nancy Gawla	Cheryl Moore	Terry Reed
Don Holmes	Bill Moore	

The chancel flowers are given by a friend in honor of Pastor Don Wahlig and Diane Rabold's birthdays. Blessings to you both!

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

To assist those who need to 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:** Fred Shatto and Wayne Hawk

**Liturgist:** Cheryl Moore

**Deacon Server:** Mary Jane Voigt

**Downtown Daily Bread January 23rd:** Jayson Wolfgang and friend

**WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 18, 2026**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**The Health Ministries Committee invites you to our continuing lecture series on Healthy Living – today at 10:10 in Room 204.** The lecture will be presented by our own Jennifer Bogar Hipp. The title of the lecture is: Updates on PA Inheritance Taxes and Estate Planning. We look forward to a very interesting and informative discussion.

**Adult Forum and Sunday School will meet again on January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Youth Church**

We will continue with the Dwell curriculum, studying about Jesus and the Bible, and will sing, do crafts and play games. This class is for children from 5 to 17! Parents and grandparents are invited to attend along with the children.

**The Pre-K-K Youth Church**

PreK – K Youth Church is back in the swing of things in Room 108, from 10:15 -10:50 am. Each class will include singing, a lesson, and play time!

### **The Intergenerational Choir**

We will practice today. We are preparing for a special Valentine's Day weekend presentation. All Sunday School children are invited to sing, along with parents and grandparents. Come and join us as we praise the Lord with song!

**The Fellowship Committee and Silver Spring Presbyterian Church thank Dale Darkes for his 25 years of service on the Fellowship Committee.** Dale is a valuable member, who is stepping down. We especially recognize the many delicious recipes he prepared for functions, especially brownies! Thank you, Dale!

### **Monday Bible Study - January 26th**

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 and learn, come 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!

### **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.

### **SSPC Handbell Choir**

Interested in ringing—or learning how to play—the handbells? Contact Tracy Wieseman at [tracy@silverspring.org](mailto:tracy@silverspring.org) for more information.

## **CORE Youth**

There will be Core this evening, January 18th from 6-8 PM. We are continuing to work on Youth Sunday. Come ready with your creative ideas as we continue to work on our script. God bless you all!

## **Storyboard Ministry**

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry called the Storyboard Ministry! Here is how it works: The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place with Post-it notes and markers. Fill out a Post-it note with a prayer request or hope (no names, please) and each Sunday we will collect the requests and pray for them at our CORE meetings. Whatever is on your heart, put it on the storyboard and we will pray for each request.

We continue to pray each week around the Storyboard, thanks to everyone who continues to add requests. 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 this New Year!**

Check out the story on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place this week! 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. Stay tuned for more stories!

## **Earth Care - Did you know?**

Dryer lint can be reused; add to your compost pile as "brown" material. [Use lint from cotton, wool and linen.] Dryer lint can also be made into fire starters.

## **New Hope Ministries**

New Hope Ministries can use the following items this month: peanut butter, tuna, and paper towels. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you very much!

## **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. Early volunteer registration begins on February 9th. If you're interested, please send an email to Fred Shatto at [fredshatto@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arbogasts, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagino, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Judy La Pointe, Jan Maurer, Pat Miller, Betsy Neilson, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Ada Sloane, Scott Vaughan

**Prayers for sympathy:** Families of Lynne Jackson and Nancy Thomas, 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

## **Memorial Services**

Lynne Jackson's memorial service is scheduled for *January 31, 2026* at SSPC - 9:00 am Visitation and Service at 11:00 in the Meeting House.

Nancy Thomas' service is scheduled for *April 25, 2026*, in the Meeting House.

## ATTENDANCE

January 4	January 11
9 am Traditional – 120    YouTube - 66	9 am Traditional – 120    YouTube - 66
11 am Gathering – 55    YouTube - 54	11 am Gathering – 55    YouTube - 54
Sunday School – 50	Sunday School - 50

## 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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# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

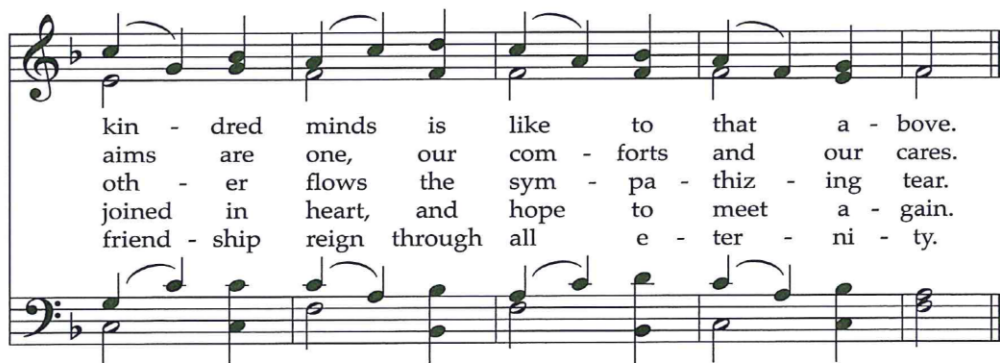
# Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"