



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Austin Shoop

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. Purifoy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lilly Taylor

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will sing praises to God all my life long!

L: Happy are those whose help is in our forever faithful God, creator of heaven and earth.

P: I will sing praises to God who seeks justice for the oppressed and compassion for the least.

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #10

["Sing Glory to the Name of God"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lilly Taylor

God of Grace and Mercy, you love the righteous who trust in you and follow Jesus in showing compassion for neighbors in need. Misled by our sin, however, we doubt your power and provision. We would rather trust in ourselves before trusting you, and we would rather follow the flawed counsel of earthly princes before following the Gospel of your son. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our faith in you. Lead us to walk in your ways of justice and compassion, especially on behalf of those whom Jesus called the least and the lost. In Christ's name, we pray.

(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

Lilly Taylor

L: The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.
He upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

P: Amen. Thanks be to God!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Lilly Taylor

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. Lisa Chase / Austin Shoop

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

Lilly Taylor

SECOND READING

Psalms 146:1-10

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

Why Trust God, Part 2:
“The Protection of God”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord”
Sanctuary Choir

Bober

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 #839

["Blessed Assurance"](#)

*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

"Festive Recessional"

Young

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

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The chancel flowers are given by Joel and Jan Dietrick for the Glory of God.

The window flowers are given by Arlene Edmunds,
in honor of SSPC's pastors and staff.

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: Jim and Jean Smith **Liturgist:** Lilly Taylor

Deacon Servers: Jenny Bell and Deb Pfaff

Downtown Daily Bread September 19: Tracy Bryan and Jo Day

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

NEW! "Conversations for the Curious" begins Sunday, September 14.

Are you curious about SSPC, our history, what we believe, or what membership here entails? Join Rev. Dr. Wahlig after worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month, in the Parlor, for an informal conversation. This is a chance to ask any questions about SSPC or faith in general. For those interested, this is a simple and easy way to join the congregation. A more in-depth class for New Members will be held in December.

Coming soon, the Intergenerational Choir begins again!

The Intergenerational Choir is preparing to start rehearsals again in October with a new Director. As Tracy Wieseman takes on her new job as Director of Music here at SSPC, we look forward to beginning a new year of this special choir with a new Director. We will again practice on Sunday mornings, from 10 am to 10:10 am in Room 112.

Attention Sanctuary Choir Members (and those interested in singing with us!)

We meet on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal at 7:15 pm in the choir room. If you wish to become a member of the choir, you are welcome to attend a rehearsal to learn more about us and/or reach out to Tracy Wieseman at tracy@silverspring.org.

Christian Education today at 10:00 am

Adult Forum and Sunday School: This is our first official day of Sunday School for this year. We will finish our study on "Running with Jesus". The lesson this week is about the perseverance of Jesus and the ultimate purpose of his life. This class is for adults from 19 to 99, come and learn, come and discuss!

Youth Church: Come and join us in Room 112, downstairs with music, for a Christian Education lesson, crafts and games. See the new set up for the room and new portraits painted just for our Sunday School room. Also, get a chance to see our new interactive television which we will use for lessons and games. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. This class is for children from starting in 1st grade and above!

Preschool Sunday School: We will begin in Room 112 and then separate across the hall. This class is for children under the age of 1st graders. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend!

Dining Out Opportunities

- **Wednesday, September 17 at 11:30 am**: Join us for LUNCH at the Beacon Hill Diner
- **Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm**: Join us for DINNER at Moonlight Diner

Sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Sara Derr at 717-763-5748. All are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study begins again on September 17th

Our study begins again on September 17th in the Parlor at 1:00 pm. The group will be studying a new book called "The Book of Signs", by Dr. David Jeremiah. This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Monday Bible Study - September 22nd

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We will continue a new study of Revelations as we watch sessions by Reverend Gary Hambrick, from Leesburg, Virginia. Come and learn, come and discuss. This class is for adults from 18 to 99!

Wine tasting group

On **Friday, September 26 at 4:00**, the wine tasting interest group will meet at the Winery at the Long Shot Farm at 1925 McClures Gap Road in Carlisle. They will have a table set up for us for our usual appetizers/desserts to share and you can order a flight of wine or a glass of whatever you'd like to try. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet by the parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Bell.

CORE Youth

There is Core this week from 6 pm - 8 pm. We will have a lesson this week, along with some games and fellowship. So come ready to learn and play!

CORE is from 6 pm to 8 pm in the CORE room, downstairs at the church in the Preschool on most Sundays. CORE is open to all youth from sixth grade to twelfth grade. CORE is about fellowship, service and Christian Education. Come and join us at our next meeting!

Fall ROAR Mission Trip

The ROAR Team is heading to Asheville, NC for the week of Sunday, October 05—Saturday, October 11, 2025. We will be working with Hendersonville Habitat For Humanity building homes for people in need and/or rebuilding properties damaged by Hurricane Helene in September of 2024. All you need is a willing heart to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we minister to our neighbors, some of whom lost all their worldly goods last fall. If you need more information please contact Terry Reed at 717-766-2714 or tsreed@verizon.net.

Mark your calendars for our fourth annual Blessing of the Animals Drive-Thru!

Saturday, October 4th, from 1 pm to 3 pm, youth, volunteers and Pastor Lisa will be at the church to pray over your animals. All creatures are welcome! Dogs must be on leashes; cats, birds and reptiles in carriers or cages, and horses, goats, etc., in trailers. We will once again take up an animal food collection for our local no-kill shelters. For any questions, contact Pastor Lisa at lisa@silverspring.org.

Fall Faire – Saturday, October 25

- **WHITE ELEPHANT:** Bring items to the church hallway starting Sunday, October 5.

****New This Year:** Donation Times will be limited. Please drop off your boxes, labeled and sorted into categories, (housewares, glass, toys, Christmas) during the following times:

Sundays from noon – 2:00, starting Oct. 5; Weekdays from 9:00- 2:00 starting Oct. 7;

Wednesday Evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm starting Oct. 9

NO BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR. NO FRAMED ART. Also, no linens, clothing, suitcases, electronics or large pieces of furniture.

- **Fall Fair Boutique:** The Gathering Place will be set up like a Boutique. We will need donations of handmade items, art, stitchery and wood. Finer White elephant treasures will be incorporated with handmade items in enticing displays. Also, a Pantry will feature your homemade jellies, jams and food gift items. Small, potted house plants & succulents will be accepted, NO PERENNIALS this year.

- **Christmas Corner:** Donate your Christmas decorations, decorative items, ornaments, table toppers for our festive Christmas area.

- **Toys:** A complete room will feature all your donated toys, games and play items.

- **Silent Auction:** We are requesting that each committee provide an item for the Silent Auction, which is held in the Gathering Place. This item can be a basket of goodies (coffee basket, spa gasket, services basket, etc.), a special service or tickets to a show, a vacation rental, or original artwork by our esteemed artists (Greenleaf and Karkuff!) We are asking that the value of the item be anywhere between \$25 - \$100. We'd like some baskets - items worth around \$25, some around \$65, some around \$100. Artwork, Vacation rentals and services will be priced differently. Please have everything at church **by Friday, Oct. 17th** with your items in presentation form, and a description and value attached. Early bird bidding begins October 19th.

- **Food, food, food:** Soups, lunch food, sticky buns, apple dumplings, pies, baked goods will be for sale. We will need donations of baked goods and pies, so sign up!

SIGN UP BOARD - All this will only happen when you volunteer! Please see the large Sign Up Board in the Gathering Place so you can plan on where you can help out the most.

Update on Laundry Ministry—Keep the Quarters Coming!

We have had unbelievable response and have been able to now purchase 50 cards to distribute to various laundromats throughout the West Shore. We will be headed out to another site very soon, with cards and laundry pods!

Storyboard Ministry

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry on Easter called the **Storyboard Ministry!** The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place, along with Post-it notes and markers. Simply fill out a poster 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.

Earth Care—Did you know?

Zero Waste Outlet is a web site featuring products designed to reduce waste. There are earth-friendly options for everyday household products; a good alternative to Amazon. <http://zerowasteoutlet.com>. Try it— you will be surprised.

Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to John and Kat Goff on the birth of their baby girl, Avery Emma Goff! Avery was born on August 29th. We wish the Goff family all the very best!

Thank you

Many warm thank you's for all the cards, notes and expressions of sympathy, so many members of this congregation gave or sent to us, on the death of Janet's sister. All expressions of caring were greatly appreciated. Thank you again. ***Janet and Ed Maurer***

On behalf of Melanie and myself and the entire Pepperman family, we want to thank the SSPC congregation for all your prayers, expressions of love, cards and flowers upon the death of my sister, Lori Jean McBride. We have been blessed, and there are not enough words to express the appreciation and gratitude that we feel. ***Scott***

Prayers of healing and comfort: Forrest Adams, Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arbogasts, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Bob Buyers, Betsy Eichelberger, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Pat Langdon, Jan Larson, Roy McLain, Bill Moore, Rick Pierce, Ruth Stoll, Nancy Thomas

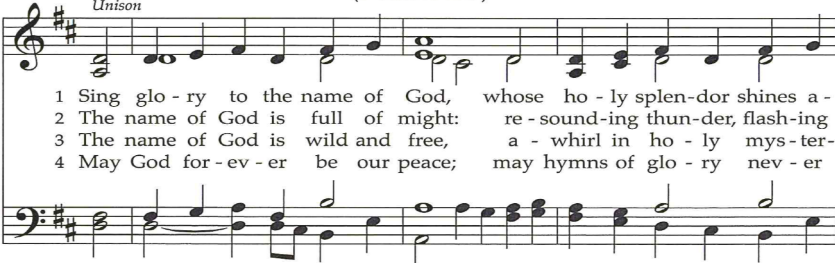
Prayers for Sympathy: June Duke's family, Art Glockner for the death of his brother

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

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

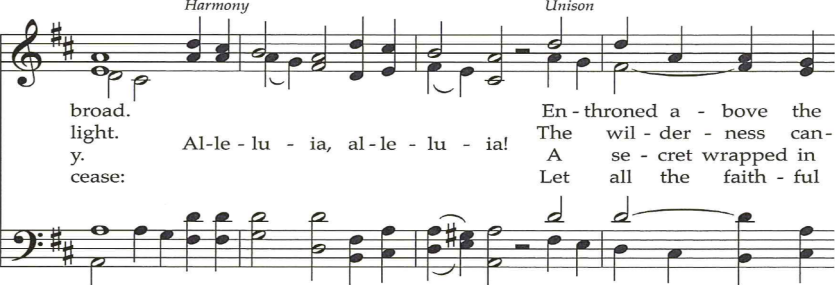
(Psalm 29)

Unison

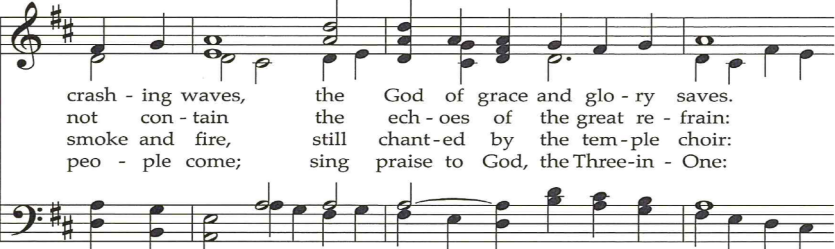


1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad.
 light.
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 cease: En - throned a - bove the
 The wil - der - ness can -
 A se - cret wrapped in
 Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

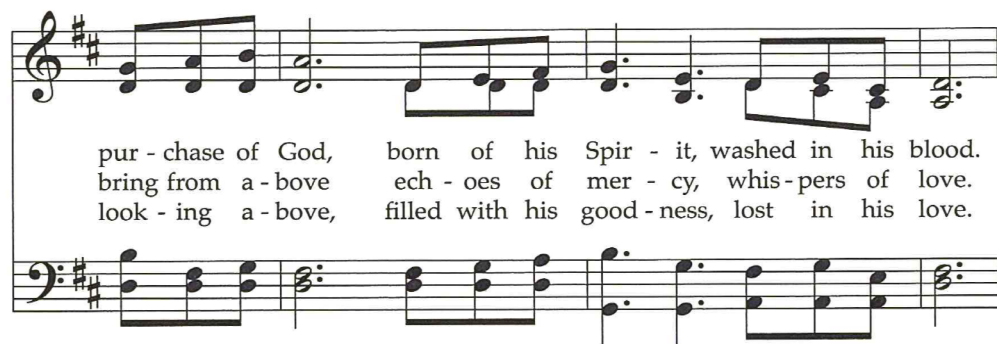
839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

This block contains the first line of a musical score. It features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my".

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

This block contains the second line of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the first line. The lyrics are: "song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

ATTENDANCE

August 31

Outdoor Service—93

September 7— Rally Day

9 am Traditional—128 YouTube—87

11 am Gathering—52 YouTube—34

No Sunday School

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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