



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Bradury, arr. Schuster
Brad Bumsted, trumpet

+WELCOME Austin Shoop

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Nancy Kauhle

MUSIC FOR ADORATION "In the Garden" Bulla
Brad Bumsted, trumpet

+*CALL TO WORSHIP Cheryl Moore

L: We praise you O Lord, because you bring life out of what is barren.

P: With you, there is forgiveness, so that we might live freely and joyfully.

L: We wait for the Lord.

P: We place our hope in Him.

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

All: Let us worship the God of Mercy and Grace.

+*HYMN #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Cheryl Moore

God of grace, life and mercy, you call us out of death and into life by your Spirit. Yet we confess that we often live as though we are just dry, parched bones. Nothing else. Our faith grows impatient and weary, and we are drawn to things that consume our flesh instead of a life filled with Your spirit. We confess that we have allowed fear, resentment and selfishness to shape our thoughts and actions. We choose what leads to shallowness and death, and not to life. Breathe upon us and *(cont'd.)*

**bring new life into our bones. Gracious God, forgiveness us, renew us,
and lead us in the way of Life through Jesus Christ.**

(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**

Cheryl Moore

**L: Hear the Good News: the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the
dead, is the same Spirit who gives new life to each of us. In Jesus christ
we are forgiven and made new.**

P: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #286

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what
thou dost love, and do what though wouldst do. Breathe on me, Breath of
God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine
eternity.**

+* 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lisa Chase

FIRST READING

Romans 8:6-11

Cheryl Moore

SECOND READING

Ezkiel 37:1-14

Rev. Chase

SERMON

**“Our Sin and God’s Grace, Part 4:
The Cure for Sin”**

Rev. Chase

ANTHEM

**“Make a Joyful Noise”
Sanctuary Choir**

Harlan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*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 #735

"I need thee every hour"

*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

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

arr. Barr

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by Jean Bashore
In honor of her granddaughters Ashley and Aubrey's 36th 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: Carol Service and B.J. Lopez **Liturgist:** Cheryl Moore

Deacon Servers: Holly Lawrence and Deb Pfaff

Downtown Daily Bread March 27th: Pat and Angie Katzenstein

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 22, 2026

2026 Lenten Series Offered at SSPC

Join Pastors Lisa Chase and Don Wahlig on **March 25** for the final week of our Lenten Series. 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.

HOLY WEEK at SSPC

- **Palm Sunday - March 29th**

Worship Services at 9 am and 11 am with a Palm Sunday Reception at 10 am
The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received.

- **Maundy Thursday - April 2nd**

5:30 pm Worship Service in the Gathering Place with a Simple Supper and Communion

- **Good Friday - April 3rd**

Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 pm in the Meeting House
Join us for a moving reflection of Christ's death on the cross.

- **Easter Sunday - April 5th**

Worship Services at 9 am and 11 am with Sunday School / Youth Church at 10 am
There will be a special brass ensemble performing with the Sanctuary Choir.
Nursery for children 3 and under.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 28th, from 9 am to 11 am, open to children 1 to 10 years old. We will be serving coffee and donuts at 9 am, with the hunt beginning around 10 am. The Easter bunny will make an appearance, and prizes will be awarded to finders of the special "golden" eggs. **Look for a decorated basket in the Gathering Place to donate candy or empty plastic Easter eggs. Thank you!**

UPDATE: Several members of our Membership Committee will be there to assist children after the Hunt to make cards for "Caitlin's Smiles" Foundation. Come and watch or come and help this great outreach event!

Adult Forum and Sunday School - Room 204, 10:10 am

We continue our Max Lucado Lenten Study "He Choose the Nails". This week's lesson is titled "He Choose to Invite Us into His Presence". Come learn and discuss.

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 22nd as we start to prepare for our next special performance on Palm Sunday. 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 23rd

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!

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 and are due by March 30th. Lilies are \$15.00 (checks only please, made payable to SSPC).

Fellowship Palm Sunday Reception

Your Fun-loving Fellowship Committee is hosting a Palm Sunday reception in the Gathering Place on Sunday, March 29, 10-11 am, between the two services. There will be a selection of finger foods for you to enjoy with coffee and conversation. There is no sign-up for this event, but donation baskets will be available.

One Great Hour of Sharing – Special Offering – Palm Sunday, March 29

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in” (Isaiah 58:12). As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] “to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?” (Isaiah 58:7).

When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are combining our efforts with thousands of churches across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples’ lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. Your gift will help to end hunger and poverty, provide assistance after disaster strikes, work with

sustainable community development, and come alongside immigrants, migrants, and refugees. This is an opportunity to participate in God's ongoing repair of the world God so loves and see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life.

Dining Out Group - March 31st

Join us at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31st, at Snappers Bar and Grill, located at 120 East Allen Street (across Walnut Street from the library). Please RSVP no later than Monday, March 30th. Sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Joan Bretz - call 717-657-3645 or email jbretz1@earthlink.net. Hope to see you there!

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. You can sign up for the Tea in the Gathering Place or on Realm.

CORE Youth: There will be Core youth group tonight from 6PM-8PM for an evening of service and community. We will stuff eggs for the Easter egg Hunt, followed by a meaningful time of reflection and intercession at the prayer board, concluding the night with some high-energy games. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

Tai Chi - Starting April 22nd at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

Tai Chi is a traditional martial art from China which has been practiced for centuries. While it is practiced as a functional martial art for self defense, practicing Tai Chi has been shown to help increase circulation, decrease pain in joints, help increase mobility, improve balance as well as improve overall quality of life as we age. **This is a beginner class and open to all - bring a friend!**

The class will be 9:15-10:15 am on Wednesdays in Room 202/203, beginning April 22nd. The instructor is Stephen Maclay who has been teaching yoga at SSPC for several years. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the Gathering Place or contact Lisa Janson at 717-385-5227 or lisaj626@gmail.com with any questions.

Earth Care: Batteries [cont'd]

The best way to cut down on single-use battery waste is to use rechargeable batteries in devices you use frequently. Modern nickel-metal hydride [NIMH] rechargeable batteries can be used hundreds of times, work as well as alkaline batteries in most devices and can be recycled for free at major stores [ex. Batteries Plus] when they wear out.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Kris Carpinello and her parents, the Arbogasts, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagino, Fred Frey, 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

Thank You

My family and I have so appreciated the prayers for Scott at the time of surgery and during his recovery. He was comforted by your prayers, and felt God's presence throughout these past months of successful surgery and recovery. Scott returned to his school and resumed teaching PE on February 18th. With grateful hearts and many thanks, Lucy Vaughan and family

Farewell

Since the first day we walked into Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, many years ago when we first lived in Mechanicsburg, we loved everything about this church. When we moved back to this area 3 ½ years ago, and returned to SSPC, it truly felt like coming home. But now we are again moving from this area, and we will have to say goodbye once again to SSPC, and to all our friends we have here. It was so nice getting re-acquainted with so many old friends. We wish everyone connected with this wonderful church the very best. The church office will have our phone number if anyone ever wants to touch base about anything. Glenn 'Ed' and Janet Maurer

ATTENDANCE

| March 8 | March 15 |
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| 9 am Traditional – 98 YouTube – 108 | 9 am Traditional – 120 YouTube – 76 |
| 11 am Gathering – 44 YouTube – 15 | 11 am Gathering – 50 YouTube – 23 |
| Sunday School – 16 | Sunday School – 50 |

CHURCH STAFF

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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



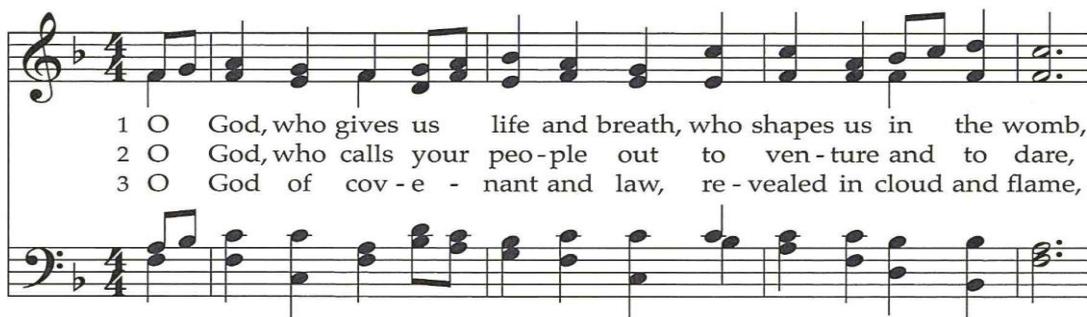
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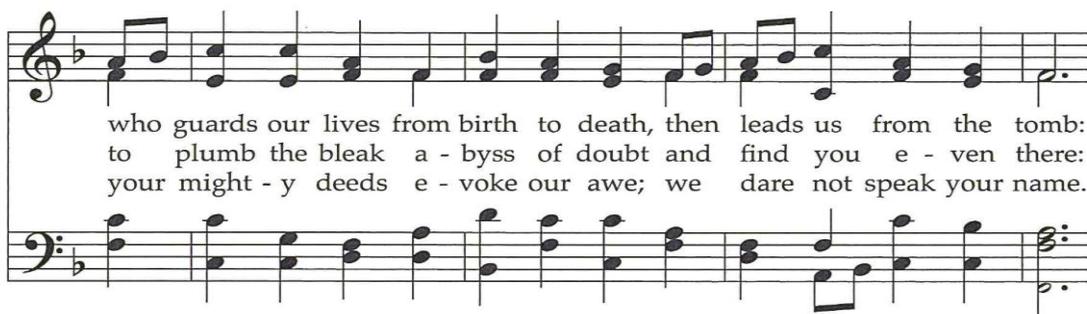
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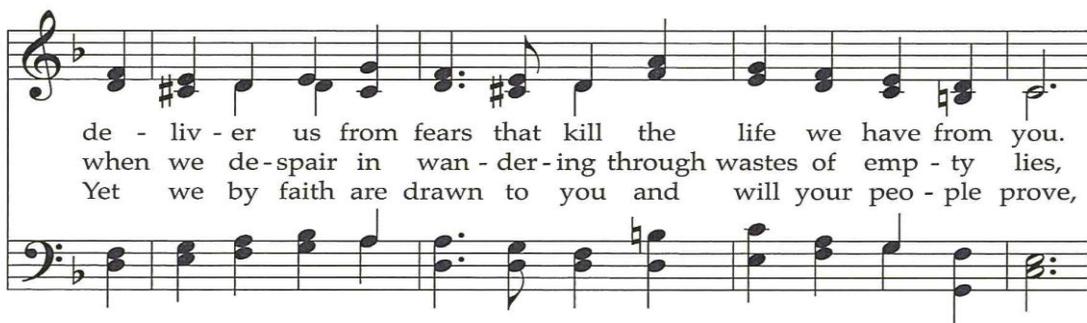
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!