



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

+WELCOME

Bryan Corbin

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

arr. Visser

+\*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Nancy and Mike Gawlas

Reader: ...Renew us in hope, that we may be alert  
to Christ's advent among us.

People: God of promise, God of hope,  
into our darkness come.

+\*HYMN # 133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CONFESSON OF SIN (Unison)

Bob Davis

O God, you search us and know us. All that we are is open to you.  
We confess that we have sinned. We scoff at those who eagerly  
await your return, and live as though you were never here.  
We long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling  
to change our own hearts. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.  
Shine the light of your love upon us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Davis

L: At the beginning, at the end, and in every age between,  
God's Word speaks his tender mercy and never-failing love to us.

P: In Christ Jesus, God came to us as a helpless babe in a manger to  
set us free from our slavery to sin.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven - hallelujah!

P: Thanks be to God. Amen!

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON, # 88, v. 4      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Bob Davis

L: As those who know peace with God through Jesus Christ, let us share  
signs of his peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!  
P: And also with you!

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Bryan Corbin

FIRST READING

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Bob Davis

SECOND READING

Luke 21:25-36

Lynn Miller

SERMON

"How We Wait"

Lynn Miller

ANTHEM

Special Music

Kyle Weary

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Don Wahlig

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. 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 # 93

["Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"](#)

\*BENEDICTION

Lynn Miller

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE #88, v.1      "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*POSTLUDE

"Grand Epilogue"

Broughton

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

*+Latecomers will be seated*

For those desiring a hearing-assist device, two 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:**

Terry Reed and Jonathan Service

**Lay Liturgist:**

Bob Davis

**Deacon Servers:**

Carol Barstow and Bethany Kavulich

**Downtown Daily Bread on December 3:**

Tony Kren and Tracy Bryan

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**Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.**

**Our values that will help us reach our vision:**

**Glorify God:** Glorify and praise God through worship, 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

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

**Soli Deo Gloria**



**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Lynn Miller	Pastoral Intern
Bryan Corbin	Director of Youth Ministry
Kyle Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Children's Choir Director
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Barbara Shoun	Parish Nurse
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Custodial Supervisor
Rebecca Montney	Part-time custodian



## SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

#### Live Nativity - This evening, November 28

6:30 - 7:15 pm: Drive-thru / 7:30 - 8:00 pm: Christmas Carol Singing, Worship, Hot Cocoa

Come travel in your car down the luminary-lit path back to the time of Jesus' birth. You will see Joseph and Mary ride on a real donkey traveling to Bethlehem. Continue on and see shepherds abiding in the fields with their sheep and the kings as they travel from foreign lands to meet and honor the newborn King. The end of your journey will lead to a humble stable in Bethlehem, the "Live Nativity." You will see the baby Jesus lying in a manger with Mary, Joseph, a nearby fire softly burning, and shepherds reverently paying their respects to the Son of God! What a great way to quietly and reverently begin the Advent season with your family.

#### Adult Sunday School

Please join us for a new beginning to Adult Sunday School, beginning today, November 28th as we launch a four week Advent Sunday School Session. We will undertake a four week study on best selling author Max Lucado's *Because of Bethlehem - Love is Born, Hope is Here!* We will gather in Room 204, starting promptly at 9:50 am and ending promptly at 10:50 am. Study guides will be provided. This session is part video and part conversation and it will launch a new format starting in January 2022 for Adult Sunday School. Please join us for Christianity, Conversation and Coffee, as we study the scripture, build relationships and talk about God in our lives. For all adults 19 to 99! Scott Pepperman will be teaching. Our Nursery will be open and available to those with young children during church and Sunday School.

#### Wednesday Evening Advent Vesper Services

Join us in Advent on Wednesday evenings at **7:00 pm in the Meeting House** for a 30-45 minute concert and worship. We will be privileged to have the following groups perform on the following dates:

**December 1:** Perfect Harmony (This service will be live-streamed.)

**December 8:** Lancaster Trombone Ensemble

**December 15:** Cedar Cliff High School Chamber Singers

The Worship committee is accepting donations of snack size bags of cookies for Wed. evening refreshments.

#### Fellowship Mountain Music Christmas Concert - December 5th

Your fun-loving Fellowship Committee is hosting a unique Mountain Music concert on Sunday, December 5 during daylight hours from 3-4 pm in the Meeting House. The "Grapes of Rhythm" is a lively band playing classic Appalachian and country Christmas songs. This unique concert will feature instruments such as the auto-harp, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and upright bass. Please join us for this unique concert and invite your neighbors, friends, and family to join us too. A free-will offering will be collected. Masks are required for this event.

**Angel Tree tags are ready for pick up.** Each angel tag represents a local child's wish for a Christmas gift.

- **SIGN OUT & SAVE** your color coded angel tag which must be firmly attached to your gift. Please indicate your name and phone number on the sign-out sheets which are color-coded to match the angels selected.
- **REMOVE** the white gift list tag before attaching the angel to the purchased gift. This tag is an aid to be used for shopping.
- **CHECK OFF** your name on the color coded sheets when you return your gift to the church. All gifts need to be returned by Friday, December 10.
- **ALL GIFTS** must be wrapped/secured in a gift bag. Gift amounts are set at \$35 for actual gifts or gift cards. **THANK YOU** for caring and sharing. Claudia Brown, Shawn Marshall, and the Deacons

## **Thanksgiving Baskets - THANK YOU!!**

A HUGE "thank you" to all those who gave monetary donations for the Thanksgiving gift cards this year. The Deacons delivered 20 Giant gift cards to families in need with hope that they would enjoy a delicious turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Due to your generous donations, local families have been blessed with the love from SSPC.

## **Christmas Cantata at Silver Spring**

Join us for this year's Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 12 at **10:00 am** in the Meeting House.

## **CE Advent Event - Following the Cantata on Sunday, December 12**

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us for an Intergenerational Advent Event, following the Cantata Service and refreshments on Sunday, December 12th. We will gather together in the church gym and enjoy a Christmas movie for families, popcorn and beverages. We will also work on several crafts that will be distributed to the church shut-ins. We will mask up and practice social distancing as we enjoy each other's fellowship and work. No cost, but please RSVP to either Scott Pepperman, [puppytrainer52@aol.com](mailto:puppytrainer52@aol.com), or Laura Shoop, [shoophaus@gmail.com](mailto:shoophaus@gmail.com), the CE co-chairs so that enough supplies and refreshments can be purchased **by Monday December 6th.**

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Help us decorate the Meeting House and around the church with beautiful poinsettias. The Christmas poinsettia order forms are available in the Gathering Place. Please return the form to the box in the Gathering Place by Monday, December 13. The names of dedication will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 19. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.

## **Christmas Cookie Help Needed**

Help is needed to bake 100 dozen cookies for the Carlisle truck Stop on **November 30 from 10 am until when we get done**, at the Silver Spring Church kitchen/chapel area. We need bakers and packers. No skills needed; we will teach. Please contact Roy McLain at 717-421-2065.

**The Children's Choir** will be performing at the Christmas Eve Family service at 5 pm. If you have a child in K - 8th grade, please consider having them sing with us. We will be holding three 15-20 minute rehearsals in between the Traditional and Gathering Services. All rehearsals will be held in the choir room, masks required with safe distancing. Regular weekly rehearsals will resume once Sundays School is back in session. If you did not receive an email and are interested, please contact Tracy Wieseman ([Tracy@silverspring.org](mailto:Tracy@silverspring.org)).

## **Help needed for the International Service Center (ISC), Afghan Family Reunification (AFR) Project**

Responding to the appeal for assistance from local Afghan immigrants who were extremely concerned for the safety of their relatives in Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover, the ISC has initiated the AFR Project. The main purpose of the AFR Project is to help at-risk people from Afghanistan reunite with their relatives in the United States, and to help ease their transition once they get here.

One of the challenges of the transition is that some of the food available from traditional food banks/pantries is not familiar or comfortable to the Afghan diet. The Mission Committee and CORE have selected Saturday **December 11, 2021 from 1 pm to 3 pm for a drive thru food drive** targeting the specific foods that are part of a normal Afghan diet. You may also drop food off in the labeled container outside the Chapel. A condensed list of the foods are lentils, kidney and pinto beans, peanut butter and jelly, sugar, flour, tomato sauce, pasta, cum-in, canned peas and potatoes, and cooking oil. There is a more detailed list on the container. Please limit your donations to these specific foods. Thank you for helping our soon to be central PA residents from Afghanistan.

## **Earth Care Survey**

This summer the Earth Care Team shared a survey to learn more about our members' stance on environmental topics that apply to our local community, our church property, and the goals of the Earth Care Team. We were pleased to have 72 returned surveys. These responses have helped our team learn a little more about our congregation, and how we can be a better committee at SSPC.

We discovered the vast majority of our members are involved in some form of earth care stewardship to reduce their environmental footprint. The most popular activity was recycling, followed by installing LED lights, and driving electric or hybrid vehicles. Other popular activities included composting, buying locally grown food, reducing water use, and creating wildlife habitat. Many of our members have accepted environmentally friendly cleaning products into their homes, with products from Blueland, Mrs. Meyers, and homemade vinegar blends being the most popular. The congregation had new ideas for the Earth Care team as well, including more accessible recycling bins on church property, creating a community garden, and continued monitoring and cleanup of Trindle Run.

One of the survey questions asked specifically about a community garden installment at Silver Spring; there were a handful of individuals in the congregation showing interest in this idea. We plan to reach out to these individuals in the coming months to pursue this project further. To view the data collected from the Earth Care survey, visit the link on the side panel of the Earth Care Team page on Silver Spring's website. And if you are interested in becoming an Earth Care member, please reach out to Stefan Karkuff ([skarkuff@gmail.com](mailto:skarkuff@gmail.com)) to join our monthly meeting.

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

November 29 is 'Buy Nothing Day'. This was created by a Canadian, Ted Dave, as a challenge to find out what it feels like to step out of the consumer culture for just one day.

Here are some suggestions for that day:

DIY gifts - homemade gifts for loved ones [see Pinterest for ideas], go outside, read a book. Whatever you do, be very thankful for all that you have and all that you have the opportunity to do.

### **Per Capita**

Please pay your per capita apportionment to free up church monies for other needs. The amount for 2021 is \$24.20 per member. If you do not have church envelopes, simply write Per Capita in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

### **ROAR Winter Mission Trip**

The winter trip for February of 2022 is in Gainesville, Florida. We will be working with Alachua Habitat For Humanity building new homes with Habitat partner families. The work week will be Monday, January 31-Friday, February 04, 2022. Volunteers will arrive at the hotel on Sunday, January 30, 2022 with an option to arrive on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The plan is to frame up at least two homes during the week.

The plan is to frame up at least two homes during the week. As always, you do not need building skills to be a part of the team. Everyone can do something to help build the homes and learn a new skill at the same time. If you are interested in being part of the 2022 winter ROAR Team please contact Terry Reed at [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net) or call 717-766-2714.

## ***YOUTH***

Hey all! I have news about 2022 already! What happened to the time? January 9th, we will begin Youth Sunday prep and Sunday School! February 13th, we will be hosting a Valentine's Day Special from 5-8. The purpose of this event is to entertain kids of all ages, to give parents a chance to have dinner together. February 19th is the Last Youth Sunday Rehearsal. February 20th is Youth Sunday!

**ZETEO 2022 is February 4-6, 2022 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon): Let me know by 12/27/2021 if you would like to go so, I can get you a ticket!**

December 5, 2021: CORE from 6-8

December 12, 2021: NO CORE, but the festivities in the morning/early afternoon

December 19, 2021: NO CORE

December 26, 2021: NO CORE Merry Christmas!!!

December 27, 2021: Deadline to let me know if you are coming to Zeteo

January 2, 2022: NO CORE Happy New Year!!!

January 9, 2022: Sunday School Begins, CORE from 6-8, Youth Sunday Prep Begins

January 16, 2022: CORE from 6-8 Youth Sunday Prep

**Email [Bryan@Silverspring.org](mailto:Bryan@Silverspring.org)** for announcements or to subscribe to email and/or text announcements.

## ***PRAYERS***

**Prayers of healing:** Ken Pfaff, Susie Truckor, Louise Weldy

**Prayers for our military members:** Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe, Brandon Johnson

## **Thank You:**

To my Silver Spring family, A special thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. I am so blessed for all of you. May God bless you, Florence Bellis

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## **Attendance**

### **November 14**

9 am Traditional—65  
11 am Gathering—44  
YouTube views—56

### **November 21**

9 am Traditional—83  
11 am Gathering—43  
YouTube views—64

You can find all services on YouTube.com (search for Silver Spring Presbyterian Church).

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## **Silver Spring Presbyterian Church**

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.