



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 13, 2026

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kathryn Ressler & B.J. Lopez

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"I Love to Tell the Story"

arr. Kim

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Flenner

L: Our God is majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor.

P: **Who is like the Lord? Let us offer God our highest praise.**

L: Our God prepared a path through the sea, and led his people in a pillar of fire.

P: **Who is like the Lord? Let us sing God's praises!**

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

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Alan Flenner

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you came and walked among us. Through him, you erased our sins and reconciled us to you and one another. Yet, misguided by sin, we refuse to forgive others as you have forgiven us. We are quick to judge and slow to reconcile. We would rather nurse our grudges than restore our relationships. Lord, forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts and minds to follow Jesus in forgiving others as you have forgiven us. In Jesus' 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

Alan Flenner

L: Hear the good news of the Gospel. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia, amen!

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Austin Shoop

FIRST READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Alan Flenner

SECOND READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON

The Path to the Kingdom, Part 2:  
Heartfelt Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SANCTUARY CHOIR

“Use Me, Lord”

Sheldon Curry

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Austin Shoop

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Austin Shoop

\*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 #444

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

\*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.

\* PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

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!**

L: Please greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

POSTLUDE

“Faithfulness”

arr. Wagner

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

*+Latecomers will be seated*

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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:** Tim and Pam Emenheiser

**Liturgist:** Alan Flenner

**Deacon Servers:** Holly Lawrence and Kate Flessner

**Downtown Daily Bread September 18th:** Bill Cook and friend

## WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

### Blood Pressure Sunday – TODAY!

Find the Health Ministry table in the Gathering Place to have your pressure checked.

### No Adult Forum and Sunday School today, we will celebrate Rally Day!

Youth Church, Pre-K/K Youth Church and Intergenerational Choir are on summer recess. They will begin again on Sunday, September 20th.

### Fall Faire is coming October 24 – Important information!

Volunteer Board is up in the Gathering Place. There are many opportunities to help out and many hands are needed!

Donations accepted on Sundays AFTER the Gathering Service until 2 pm. Other days during the week, items may be dropped off between 8 am and 2 pm. If you need John's assistance, call the church office to check on his availability to help.

Donations needed: See Weekly Announcements for needs. **We are not taking small appliances, linens of any kind, books (except for Children's books – we will accept those), or glassware anymore**, but if you have a beautiful set of Bone China, tools, or decorative items you want to donate, we will take those. If you are not sure, let Lisa Chase know and we will decide together!

### Meal with a Mission - September 23rd

The next Meal with a Mission will be Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve a simple supper followed with preparing Welcome Home Kits for Christian Churches United. The items being collected are:

|                                                               |                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Laundry Basket: rectangular, plastic, 2 bushel -- one per kit | Spray Bottle of Bathroom Cleaner – one per kit |
| Cleaning Buckets: 2 to 2 ½ gallon – one per kit               | Cleaning Cloths/Rags (new) – two per kit       |
| Toilet Brush – one per kit                                    | Liquid Hand Soap – two bottles per kit         |
| Spray Bottle of All Purpose Cleaner – one per kit             | Laundry Detergent – one box or bottle per kit  |

Bins are located in the Gathering Place and by the Preschool for the cleaning supplies; laundry baskets and cleaning buckets can be stacked by the bins. For the Simple Supper, please sign up in the Gathering Place, or sign up through Realm.

**Fall Newsletter Deadline:** Please have any articles for the Fall 2026 Enlighten Newsletter to Brad Bumsted (bradebumsted@gmail.com) and Lisa Chase (lisa@silverspring.org), no later than September 16<sup>th</sup>!

### **Calling All Musically Gifted Families!**

We are looking for individuals and families interested in participating in our Family Christmas Eve Service. Whether you or a family member is a vocalist, instrumentalist, or would like to be involved in another musical way, please get in touch with SSPC's Intergenerational Choir Director, Mandy Bevenour, at amandapenguin@outlook.com.

### **Something new from Christian Education, coming this fall, 2026!**

We will begin a new Sunday morning Bible Study for Moms! And we will begin a new Sunday School class for High School and Middle School. Watch for details!

Also coming this fall, Sunday morning nursery for infants to three (3) year olds. Stay tuned for details.

### **Upcoming Christian Education opportunities – go to silverspring.org and click announcements for more details on each class:**

- Men's Bible Study – Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 pm, room 204
- Monday Afternoon Bible Study - September 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm, room 204
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study – September 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Parlor

**Lunch Bunch - September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for lunch and fellowship at Olive Garden on Wednesday Sept. 16 at 11:30 am. Olive Garden is located at 6520 Carlisle Pike. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or call Karen Henry at 717-697-3453.

### **The Health Ministries Committee invites you to our lecture series on Healthy Living.**

Please join us on September 27 at 10:10 Room 204. If you are unable to attend, please join us on Zoom. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Chris Ryder a pediatrician in Central PA who originally trained and practiced in South Africa. The title of the lecture is: “Are vaccinations really that important?” We look forward to seeing you for what is going to be a very interesting and informative discussion.

### **Wine Tasting Group - September 19th**

Join us on Saturday September 19th at Jim Worden & Joyce Shirley's house at 2139 Arbor Court, Mechanicsburg. Please bring a dish to share and the cost of the wines will be split at the end of the evening among those who tried them. It will begin at 6:30 pm. Please respond to Jim at pontiac416@gmail.com or sign up in the Gathering Place.

### **Spiritual Direction Small Group on Zoom – Keeping the Crazies out of Christmas**

Pastor Lisa is designing a spiritual direction small group, which will begin October 29th, and run for four consecutive weeks on Zoom (last class in person). The class will be held Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place and Realm email, beginning the latter part of September. This will be a very informative, special class, where a beautiful Christmas memory will be made.

### **Dining Out group - Tuesday September 29th, 5:30PM**

The SSPC Dining Out Group (everyone is welcome) will get together Tuesday evening, Sept 29th at Flinchy's Restaurant in Camp Hill for dinner at 5:30 PM. Sunset will be 6:54 PM so for those who don't like night driving, Don & Chris are offering carpooling services. Just call us a couple days ahead to request please. We hope you can join us. Use the sign-up sheet at church or call/text Don Winning 717-704-6962 so we may give the restaurant a final head count on Monday September 28th.

### **Sight and Sound Trip - Tuesday, September 29th**

CE is again organizing a bus trip to Sight and Sound, to see the presentation of Joshua! We will meet at the church at 9 am, on Tuesday, September 29th. After the presentation, we will enjoy fellowship and lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant. Limited tickets are available, so reserve your seat now! The cost is \$198 per person for the bus, show and lunch. We plan to be back to the church before 6 pm. Contact Scott Pepperman, or sign up in the Gathering Place. Checks can be made payable to SSPC. Questions, contact Scott at [puppytrainer52@aol.com](mailto:puppytrainer52@aol.com).

### **CORE Youth - Core Sunday, September 13 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Come recharge, connect, and dig deeper into faith and fellowship! Core is the perfect place to build meaningful friendships and grow together. We'd love to see you there and bring a friend!

### **Starbucks Ministry Wednesday, September 16 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Starbucks (6455 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg) Looking for a midweek pick-me-up? Grab a table and pull up a chair! Meet up with Austin for great conversation, coffee, and pastries—and the best part? It's all on Austin! Whether you can stay the whole time or just want to drop in and say Hi, all are welcome.

### **New Hope Ministries**

Needs for September include: cereal, boxed helpers, and canned tuna. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

## **ROARING in New Bern, North Carolina**

Homes in New Bern, N.C. have been damaged by hurricane Florence in 2000 and Helene in 2024. Homeowners in New Bern still need help rebuilding/repairing their homes. This is another opportunity for the ROAR Team to assist our brothers and sisters in need in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. Teams from our Presbytery Lend a Hand group have made multiple trips to New Bern because there is a great need for help there.

New Bern is a seven-to-eight-hour drive from Mechanicsburg. The ROAR trip work week will be from Monday, October 05 through Friday, October 09, 2026. If you are interested in being a part of this ROAR Team or need additional information, please contact Terry Reed: [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net) or 717-766-2714.

## **Did you know? Handy Helpers are a Godsend to many!**

The Handy Helpers (HH) program is intended to function as an outreach service of SSPC and it's Mission Committee to provide free assistance to church members. The requested work usually involves home maintenance, repair, or for a HH to act as an advisor for the home owner when working with a contractor. Some services are as simple as replacing a light bulb in a ceiling light, while other services can be more complex. There are many types of tasks that have been completed over the past years. We ask that Handy Helper requests are projects that can be completed in 3-4 hours. However, professional projects may have unlimited times available, but that depends on the scope of the project.

The Handy Helper team includes 25 members - 20 SSPC members and 4 friends of the church and averages 35 projects per year completed with 71 handy helpers using 232 man hours per year. Any questions please contact co-chairs Roy McLain at 717-421-2065 or Jonathan-at-your-Service at 717-732-0618.

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

Carol Boyer, Roxanne Dagino, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Angie Katzenstein, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Pat Pierce, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Ruth Stoll, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Steve Williamson, Chris Winning

**Prayers for sympathy:** Jeanne Farinelli, David Kutz, Jim Kutz and all their family members for the passing of Ron Kutz

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

**Memorial Service for Ron Kutz will be on Saturday, October 17th at 11 am in the Meeting House.**

## ATTENDANCE

| August 30                              | September 6                           |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9 am Traditional – 111   YouTube – 106 | 9 am Traditional – 110   YouTube – 67 |
| 11 am Gathering – 54   YouTube – 26    | 11 am Gathering – 55   YouTube – 17   |
| Christian Education – 22               | Christian Education – 14              |

## 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**

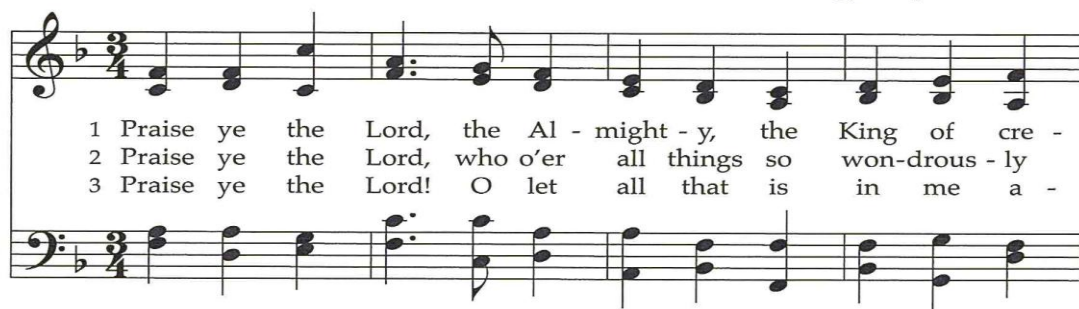
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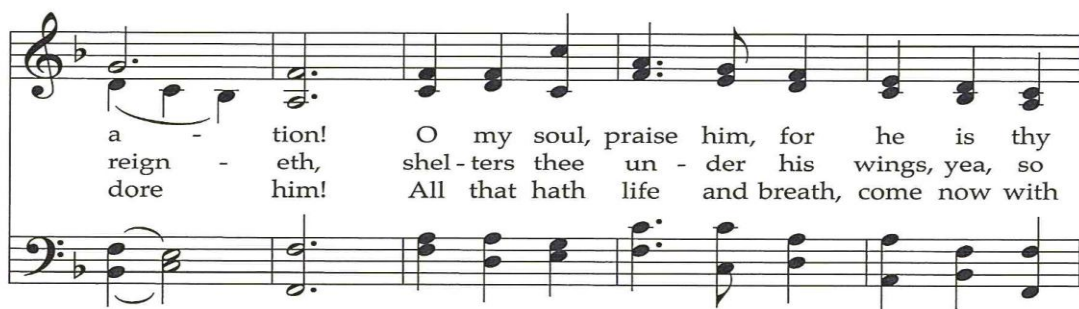
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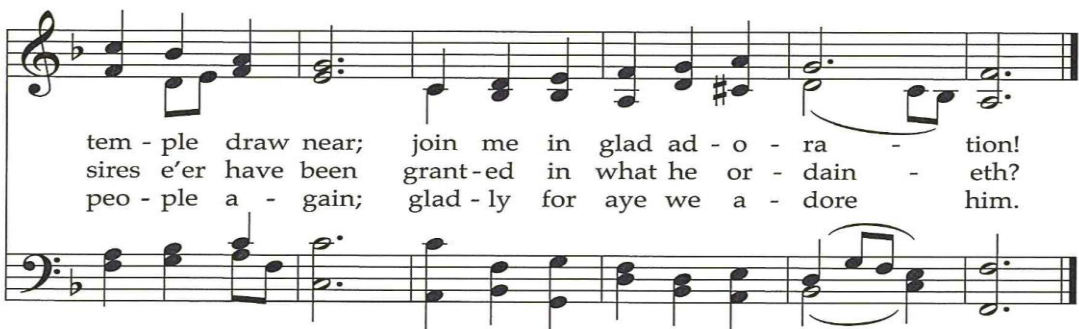
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



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



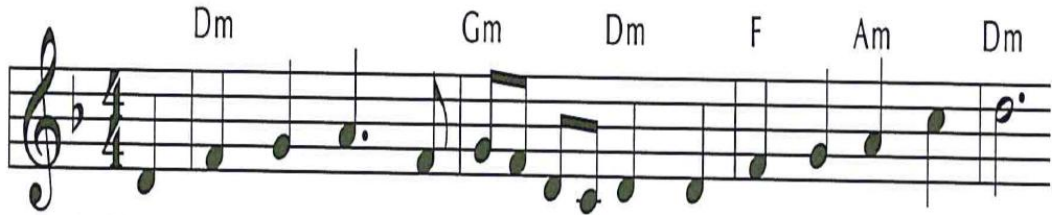
health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



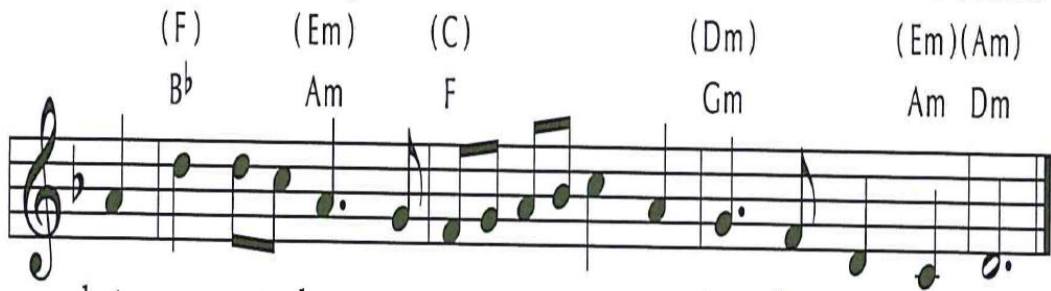
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

# Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.