



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Austin Shoop

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Prelude on Rhosymedre"

Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Ringquist

L: Draw near to the Lord, who gives us all good things.

P: **We come here to praise God for his abundant grace.**

L: Here is bread that the Lord provides; here is manna to nourish our souls.

P: **We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word!**

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

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord!

+*HYMN #41, vv. 1-4

["O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jason Ringquist

Gracious Lord, your generosity astounds us. You lavish grace upon us solely according to your own desire, and not our own merit. But we insist on deciding who is deserving of your grace and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little, while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace. 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**

Jason Ringquist

**L: Hear the good news! Though we are all sinners Christ Jesus died for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a
new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

ALL: Alleluia, amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #41

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find
you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker,
Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Austin Shoop

FIRST READING

Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14

Jason Ringquist

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

The Path to the Kingdom, Part 3:
Celebrate Grace

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SANCTUARY CHOIR

“That’s How Good God Is!”

Phillip McIntyre

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. 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 #649

“Amazing Grace”

*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

“Psalm 19”

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**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

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The chancel flowers are given by Terry and Susie Reed,
in celebration of their anniversary.

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: Judy La Pointe and Roy McLain

Liturgist: Jason Ringquist

Deacon Servers: Jenny Bell and Susan Hudson

Downtown Daily Bread September 25th: Don and Chris Winning

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Meal with a Mission - September 23rd

Join us on 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. Here is what we need to accomplish the goal of 200 kits:

Laundry Basket: 175 needed	Spray Bottle of Bathroom Cleaner – 173 needed
Cleaning Buckets: 2 to 2 ½ gallon – 178 needed	Cleaning Cloths/Rags (new) – 263 needed
Toilet Brush – 180 needed	Liquid Hand Soap – 377 needed
Spray Bottle of All Purpose Cleaner – 182 needed	Laundry Detergent – 176 needed

Please sign up for the Simple Supper in the Gathering Place.

New CE Class starts today!

Join us in Room 204 at 10:10 for the first class in a 6-part seminar on “What Makes us Reformed Christians, and How Did We Get this Way?” We start with our most fundamental belief, based on the debates of the early church. What do we believe about Jesus Christ and why? What about God and the Holy Spirit? Bring your coffee and we will see you there!

Prayers for John Clegg

Please keep our Sexton, John Clegg, and his family in your prayers. John had a heart attack last weekend and has had bypass surgery this week. Please keep John in your prayers as he has a long recovery ahead. If you would like to send a card, the Cleggs' home address is 509 Hickory Ridge Road, Newport, PA 17074.

If you know of someone who would be interested in temporary part time paid work to help clean during John's absence, please contact Diane (DianeR@silverspring.org).

Fall Faire is coming October 24, 8 am - 1 pm!

- Please take time to look at the Volunteer Board in the Gathering Place! There are many opportunities to help out!
- We are accepting donations on Sundays after the Gathering until 2 pm. If you need help other days to bring items in from your car, please call the church office.
- **PIES ARE NEEDED:** If you can bake a pie or two, please sign up on the board. Homemade is preferable, but store bought is okay too. Thank you!
- **Donations needed:** nice boutique-y items – lamps, embroidered pillows, Christmas items, white elephant items, toys, **children's** books, jewelry, new

items for Silent auction, etc. **We are not taking small appliances, linens of any kind, books (except for children's books), 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. Questions? Please check with Pastor Lisa Chase.

Calling All Musically Gifted Families!

Do you or members of your family sing, play an instrument, or have another musical talent you'd like to share? We are looking for individuals and families interested in participating in our Family Christmas Eve Service. Whether you are a vocalist, instrumentalist, or would like to be involved in another musical way, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with SSPC's Intergenerational Choir Director, Mandy Bevenour, at amandapenguin@outlook.com if you are interested in participating.

Youth Church and Pre-K./K Youth Church today, Room 112, 10 am

We will meet as a group and sing and then break up into separate groups for Sunday School. Sunday School is music, Bible lessons, crafts, and lots of fun! Sunday School is for 3-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Parents and grandparents are welcome!

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

- Men's Bible Study – Monday, September 28th 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Room 204
- Monday Afternoon Bible Study - September 21st, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Room 204
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study – Every Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Parlor

Sunday morning nursery for infants to three (3) year olds. Stay tuned for details. Contact CE if you need this service on Sunday mornings.

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!

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. This will be a very informative, special class, where a beautiful Christmas memory will be made. A sign up sheet will be coming.

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

All are invited on Tuesday Sept. 29th at Flinchy's Restaurant in Camp Hill for dinner at 5:30 PM. For those who don't like night driving, Don & Chris are offering carpooling services. Please call us a couple days ahead to request. Use the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place or call/text Don Winning 717-704-6962 by September 28th.

Sight and Sound Trip - Tuesday, September 29th

CE is organizing a bus trip to Sight and Sound, to see 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. **Only 10 tickets are left, so order 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.

BOO! CE is again holding the Annual Trunk-Or-Treat Spooktacular!

This outreach event is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25th, from 4 pm to 6 pm**. We will gather in the gym parking lot, with decorated cars and vans and hand out candy to children and dog and cat treats for our animal lovers. We encourage all members of the congregation to come and join us, decorate your car and yourself! CE will provide all of the candy you need! We are gladly accepting donations of candy; look for the decorated basket in the Gathering Place!

CORE Youth Announcements

CORE Youth Group: Sun, Sep 20 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us this evening as we dive into Lesson 3: *Love to Follow* (Luke 18:18-23, Exodus 20:2-17), and wrap up with games! We'll explore what it means to put Jesus first—trading the things we hold dear in this world for an eternal life with Him. Bring a friend!

Meal with a Mission: Wed, Sep 23 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Any help setting up, serving food, or assisting with mission work is deeply appreciated. Please reach out to Austin or Scott if you can lend a hand.

CORE Day Out! Sun, Sep 27 | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Next Sunday, we're heading to Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium! Meet in the Preschool parking lot at 3:00 PM. You won't want to miss it!

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!

Fall ROAR Trip

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the ROAR Trip to New Bern, N.C. has been canceled.

Earth Care

Reuse desiccant packages [found in pill bottles, purses, etc. to keep out moisture].:

- Store with electronics
- Keep papers and photos dry
- Freshen stored luggage
- Use in shoe boxes and gym bag storage
- Help protect tools from rust

Prayers of healing and comfort:

John Clegg, Carol Boyer, Roxanne Dagino, Bob Gaffney, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Angie Katzenstein, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Friends and family of Ruth Stoll; 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.

Thank You: I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent "down time." I'm doing some better but I still need help walking. Thanks again and may God bless you all! ~Carol Boyer

ATTENDANCE

September 6	September 13
9 am Traditional – 110 YouTube – 67	9 am Traditional – 126 YouTube – 74
11 am Gathering – 55 YouTube – 17	11 am Gathering – 52 YouTube – 25
Christian Education – 14	Christian Education – 25

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



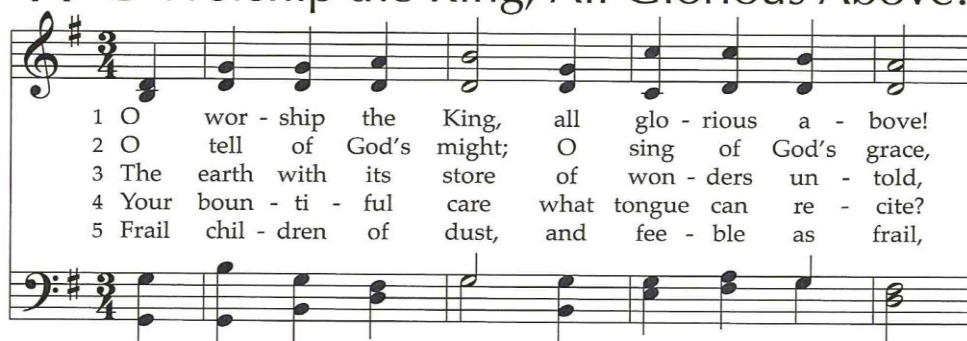
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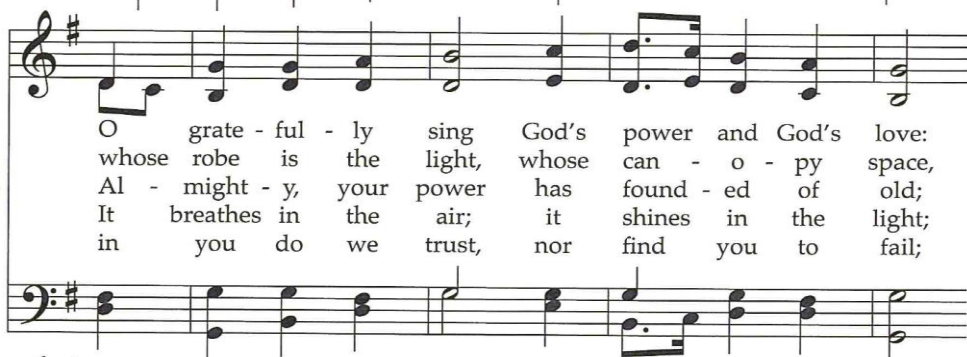
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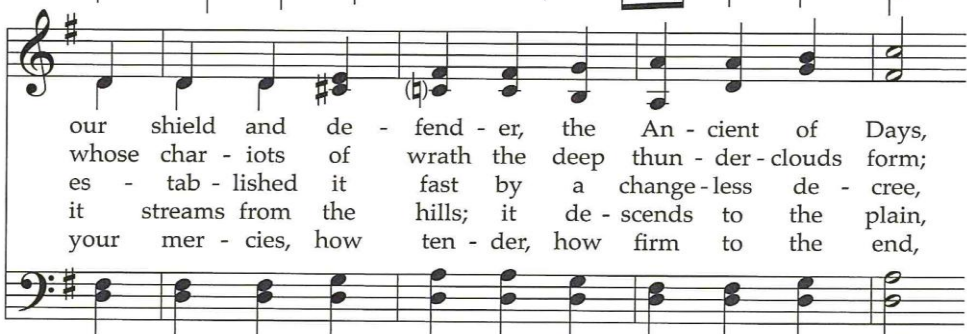
41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!



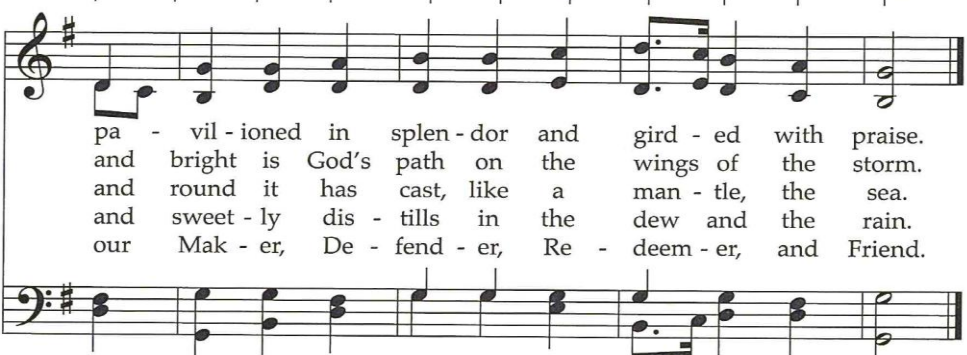
1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

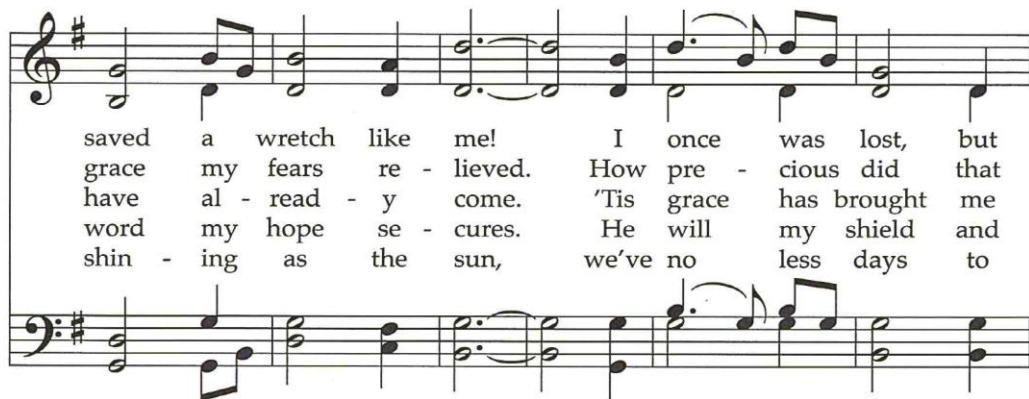


pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

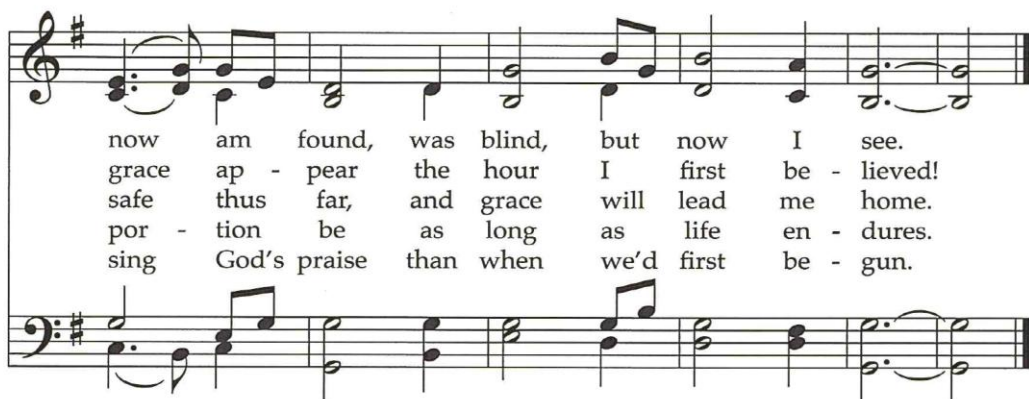
649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.