

# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Cody

+\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Neilson

L: Come worship God, our maker!

P: **We worship God with the fruits of our labor.**

L: Come worship the God of Grace!

P: **We worship God with our time, talent and tithes.**

L: Come worship God, the Lord of Love!

P: **We worship God out of love for our Lord, loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

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

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN #65

["Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Betsy Neilson

Living God of Love, in Jesus Christ you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. In our sin, we let self-interest push love out of our hearts. We allow worry to crowd out wonder in our souls. We let fear close our minds to your Word and the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Reshape our hearts, renew our minds, and reshape our lives, so that we may once again walk in your way of love, the way Jesus taught us, the way that leads to life.

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**

**Betsy Neilson**

**L: Hear the good news! Jesus Christ died to wipe away our sin.  
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: Hallelujah, and amen! Thanks be to God!**

**+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #366**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.**

**Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;**

**End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**+\* PASSING THE PEACE**

**Betsy Neilson**

**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 READINGS**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

**Betsy Neilson**

**SECOND READING**

**Mark 12:28-34**

**Rev. Dr. Wahlig**

**SERMON**

**“God’s Gifts and How to Use Them,  
Part 4: Using God’s Gifts Faithfully”**

**Rev. Dr. Wahlig**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR 2025 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS**

**ANTHEM**

**“Sing to the Lord a New Song”  
Sanctuary Choir**

**Courtney**

# 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 #712

["As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"](#)

\*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"

Lasky

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

*+Latecomers will be seated*

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The chancel flowers are given in honor of Terry Reed's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
celebrated on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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:** Rich and Chris Sebring    **Lay Liturgist:** Betsy Neilson

**Deacon Servers:** Tracy Katshir & Charlie Dagino

**Downtown Daily Bread volunteers for Nov. 22:** Lisa Scherlinsky & Jean Smith

## WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Jeremiah 29:12 “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Please **Stay and Pray** after this morning’s service. Praying together provides a sense of strength and comfort. Meet at the front of the church following the service.

### **Meal with a MISSION - Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm**

Join us November 20th in the gym from 5:30—7:00 pm. We will serve a simple supper and afterward pack food boxes to be used by New Hope Ministries to help those in need during emergencies. There are food donation bins in the Gathering Place and Preschool. The food items needed are: peanut butter, snack bars, pouches or cans of chicken or tuna, microwaveable rice pouches, microwaveable soups, instant oatmeal, canned fruit or applesauce pouches, and canned vegetables. Please invite your neighbors and friends! This is for members and non-members alike, and it’s great for families.

**The Health Ministries Committee invites you to our Fall lecture series on Healthy Aging Through the Decades of Life.** Join us today at 10:10 in Room 204. The lecture today, presented by our own Health Ministries Committee team, is entitled “What things should be in your personal medical toolbox?” The lecture will include demonstrations on CPR and interventions on treating the choking patient. What documents should be available in an emergency setting. What equipment is available in the church and where is it located? What is a POLST? Please join us for what promises to be a very informative discussion on potentially critical events and answers to the questions listed above.

**Adult Forum and Sunday School will resume next week.**

**Youth Church - Room 112, 10:10 am** We will sing, study our Bible, participate in arts and crafts, earth care, and much more. This class is for children from 6 to 18. Parents and grandparents are welcome and encouraged to attend and join in with our teachers!

### **Intergenerational Choir - Room 112, 10:00 am**

Come and join us, children, parents, grandparents, all are welcome. We are preparing for our next performance at the end of November in the Gathering.

**Preschool Sunday School class - Room 108, 10:10 am** There is singing, Bible lessons, arts and crafts, earth care and much more. This class is for our preschool children, aged 2 to 6. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come and join in with our teachers.

**Next Monday Bible Study—Nov. 25** We meet from 1—3 pm. All are invited to join this unique study. The next lesson is "The Ministry of the Apostle Paul." Come and learn, come and discuss. This class is for adults from 18 to 99!

**Wednesday Afternoon Adult Christian Education Book Class:** This group meets each week in the Parlor from 1 to 3 pm. We are discussing the book, "Keep the Faith" by Dr. David Jeremiah. This class is for adults from 18 to 99. Come join us!

**Dining Out Group - Friday, November 22** Please join us for dinner on November 22 at 5:00 pm at Longhorn Steakhouse, 6416 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Please sign up in the Gathering Place, or call Jim and Harriet Shoop at 717-761-7606 to reserve your spot.

**Fellowship Football Watch Party – Saturday, November 23rd!**

Your Fun-loving Fellowship Committee is planning an epic Football Watch Party for Saturday, Nov. 23rd at the SSPC Retreat Center. Drop-in anytime between 1-5 pm to join the party. Wear your favorite Penn State or other team jersey. We are getting a huge TV from Rent-a-Center, plus the TV already on site. Bring a lawn chair for extra comfort. Fellowship is serving 2 kinds of homemade chili: white bean chicken chili and beef chili with game day snacks. For dessert there will be pumpkin pie and apple pie with vanilla ice cream. Bring your own beer and wine. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place or sign-up through Realm. Let the party begin!

**Christmas Show Bus Trip—Last week to sign up!** CE is sponsoring another bus trip near Lancaster! We will travel to the Magic & Wonder Dinner Theater to see the show "Winter Wonderland" on Wednesday, Dec. 4. We will leave the church at 10:45 am, eat lunch at 12:30 pm (a holiday buffet by Bird-In-Hand Restaurant!) and the show begins at 2 pm. We will return to the church at 5:30 pm. The cost for the bus trip, meal and the show is \$115 per person. Sign up in the Gathering Place and sign up as soon as possible. Any questions, contact Scott Pepperman at 717-389-5100.

**Angel Tree is Coming**

The tree with 120 colored angels will be unveiled on Friday, November 22. Please:

\*SELECT and SIGN-OUT an angel using matching color coded sheets on tables.

\*REMOVE the white tag and use for shopping purposes. FASTEN colored angel to your wrapped gift.

\*CHECK OFF your name on color-coded sheets when gift is returned.

\*DUE DATE: Before December 15. Thank you for caring and sharing.

### **Hanging of the Greens - Saturday, November 30 at 9 am**

Join in preparation for the Season of Advent. All are welcome and no experience is needed. Please bring garden gloves and clippers. In addition, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, please join us between the Traditional and Gathering Services to put the final decorations on the trees as we enjoy both cookies and fellowship. Thank you, The Worship Committee

### **Parent Drop Off Night - Saturday, December 7 from 3-6 pm**

CE Youth will again be sponsoring a drop off night for parents as we get into the shopping season for Christmas. There will be a pizza party, games and crafts. Enjoy some time to go shopping or just relax and let the CE Committee take care of the children!

### **Advent Dates for your calendar**

*Advent Feast and Festival* - **December 8**, 4-7 pm—Come for dinner, music, fellowship and fun. This is an all-church event and is sure to be a great time!

*Christmas Cantata Sunday* - **December 15**, 11 am—One service at 11 am for the Cantata, followed with a Cantata Reception of cookies and punch in the Gathering Place.

*Christmas Breakfast* - **December 22**, 9 am—Will be put on by the CE Youth. Come and enjoy a full breakfast in the gym and then enjoy the Christmas Service at 11 am.

*Christmas Eve at SSPC* - **December 24**

Live Nativity - 6 pm (between Christmas Eve services)

Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm

### **2025 ROAR Winter Mission Trip**

It is time to start planning for the winter ROAR Mission trip to Big Bend Habitat For Humanity in Tallahassee, Florida. Before you ask, the Mission Committee will plan hands on mission trips to hurricane ravaged locations in 2025. It is too soon to plan for rebuilding efforts in the affected areas. Typically, it takes at least six months to one year after an event to begin rebuilding efforts. SSPC ROAR will be involved at the appropriate time.

The ROAR Team will return to Tallahassee, FL. to work with Big Bend Habitat For Humanity building homes for families. ROAR Teams are volunteers who are available to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need to build, rebuild, or renovate homes. Building skills are not necessary, only willing hands and feet to help people in need. The work week will be February 03—February 07, 2025. Departure dates will be as needed by the volunteers. We will be building new homes in an area of Tallahassee developed by Big Bend Habitat. If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net), 717-766-2714, or see Terry at church.

## **CORE Youth**

Unfortunately, due to low attendance, the fall Lock-In was canceled. We will instead have a CORE night out during a Sunday CORE meeting, to be announced later. CORE will meet this evening, November 17th, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Join us for pizza and lesson, followed by games.

## **Susquehanna Chorale's Candlelight Christmas Concerts**

The award-winning chamber choir, conducted by Linda Tedford, will perform a Christmas program accompanied by The Messiah University Brass and Dan Dorty at the piano and organ. Arrive early for their pre-concert recital 15 minutes prior to each concert. Locations and times are Friday, Dec. 13 at The Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14 at The Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts, Messiah University, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 15, at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, 4 p.m. Tickets: [www.susquehannachorale.org/performances](http://www.susquehannachorale.org/performances) or call 717.691.6036 (option 1)

**Earth Care - Did you know:** Dryer sheets work by coating your clothes with perfumed animal fat? It's not just vegans who would benefit from making the switch to a greener alternative. Wool dryer balls are simple to make and naturally fire-retardant. Toss 2-4 dryer balls in the dryer with your wet clothes to help fluff them and dry the load faster.

**Prayers of healing and comfort:** Bob Gaffney, Esther Leinaweaver, Jack Heeter, Margaret Glockner, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Betsy Eichelberger, Ron Kutz

### **Prayers for our military members:**

Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

## **Thank you**

THANK YOU to all who were involved in the Veterans celebration on Sunday, November 10th. It was most appreciated. And another "thank you" to all our veterans. Gratefully submitted, Roy McLain and all the SSPC Veterans

Dear SSPC family,

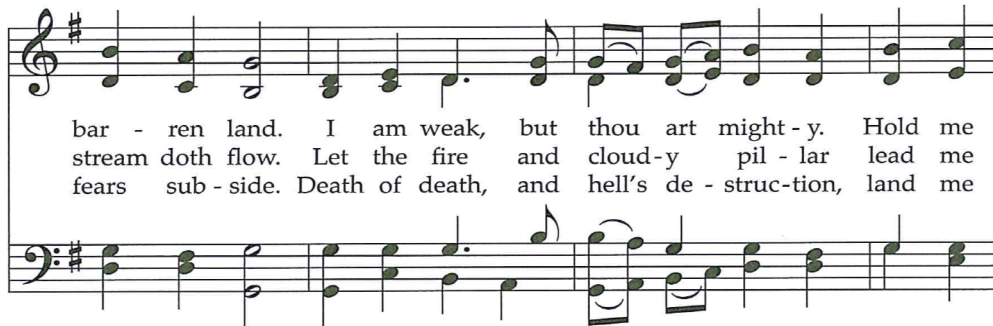
I'm happy to say that I am feeling much better. Thank you so much for your kindness and prayers. As I went through another storm in my life journey, I felt your prayers and appreciated them so much. Thanks again for your support and caring.

Sincerely, Pat Miller

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.



# As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-bles trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system contains a single line of lyrics. The fourth system contains a single line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

## ATTENDANCE

### November 3

9 am Traditional—112    YouTube—84  
11 am Gathering—53    YouTube—33  
Sunday School—20

### November 10

9 am Traditional—122    YouTube—123  
11 am Gathering—51    YouTube—17

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Dr. Kyle J. Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Music Associate
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Emily Cocores	Preschool 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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