



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

arr. Broughton

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Bruner

L: The God of rushing wind and flickering flame has gathered us in this place.

P: **Glory be to God, whose Spirit forms us into this family of faith!**

L: The Spirit strengthens our faith in his Word,

P: **The Spirit draws us closer to God and one another!**

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Susan Bruner

God of Mercy, by the power of your Holy Spirit, you have gathered us into this family of faith to be your grace-filled people, sharing Christ’s love with all. We confess, O Lord, that we have fallen short of the Spirit-led community you call us to be. We do not always nurture and encourage one another in the study of your Word, and we do not spend regular time with you in prayer. We are slow to share our goods with others in need, and we are slow to include them at our fellowship table. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts and strengthen our faith so that we might once again be led by your Holy Spirit to become the community of disciples you intend us to be. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (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

Susan Bruner

- L: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: though we are all sinners,
P: **Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.**
- L: The old life is gone;
P: **Our new life in Christ has begun!**
- L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
P: **Alleluia, Amen!**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Susan Bruner

- 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. Chase

FIRST READING

Psalm 133:1-3

Susan Bruner

SECOND READING

Acts 2:41-47

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

“The Work of the Spirit, Part 2:
The Community of the Spirit”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Wood

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 #306

"Blest Be the Ties that Bind"

*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

"Recessional in C"

Smith

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by Rev. Lisa Chase, in dedication to the Strong Family, in memory of Peggy Strong.

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: Drew and Megan Crompton

Liturgist: Susan Bruner

Deacon Servers: Betty Hawk and Melanie Pepperman

Downtown Daily Bread May 1st: Steve and Mary Poague Rexford

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 26, 2026

Meal with a Mission - April 29, 2026, 5:30 - 7 pm, in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a free community meal, followed by a hands-on service project supporting CAITLIN'S SMILES, a nonprofit located in Harrisburg that delivers arts and craft activities to children in medical facilities. All ages are invited! We still need more of the following items to assemble activity kits and decorate cards for the children:

- 200 Lanyard Hooks
- 20 Scissors
- 200 Paperclips
- 300 yrd Craft Gimp See picture →



Additional items we are still collecting to donate to Caitlin's Smiles: **Coloring books, activity books, Play-Doh cans, Reading books for elementary age, Jigsaw puzzles (100 pieces or fewer), Postage stamps.** Please sign up in advance. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Place or register through Realm. Thank you and we look forward to another great Meal with a Mission!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Don Spangler who died the week before last. A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 2 pm in the Meeting House. Please keep Don's family in your prayers.

Please also pray for Barb and Tim Wiggin upon the death of their daughter, Deborah Wiggin Wohlstadter, who died suddenly on April 22. Please keep their son-in-law Jacob, and their grandchildren, Noah and Rachel, in your prayers.

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

We will continue with our Rob Bell videos this week! Bring your cup of coffee and join us. Come to view and come to discuss.

Preschool/Kindergarten Youth Church, 10:15-10:50 am, Room 108:

There will be singing, a lesson, and play time.

Youth Church Meets today in Room 112 in the Preschool. We will study about Jesus and the Bible, sing, do crafts and play games. This class is for children from 5 to 17!

The Intergenerational Choir will practice this Sunday, April 26th at 10 am

The Choir begins practicing for a special Mother's Day presentation! This choir is made up of children, young families, parents, grandparents and friends. All are invited to participate. Come and sing and join us in this very special way to praise the Lord!

Monday Bible Study – May 4th

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We continue our in-depth study of the Gospel of John.

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!

Ladies Tea Luncheon on May 2nd, 11:00 am

This year's guest speaker will be from Pink Hands of Hope. Please sign up in the Gathering Place on the pink sign-up sheet by April 26th!

Young Family Activity Update - Saturday, May 2nd

Spring Parent Drop-Off event at SSPC from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All young families from church and Preschool are invited to drop off their children, ages two to ten, to SSPC on May 2nd. We will make crafts for Mother's Day, play games, enjoy yummy toddler/pre-teen approved food, and watch a G-rated short movie together. If interested, contact the church office or CE Co-chair, Scott Pepperman, at puppytrainer52@aol.com.

May 3rd Adult Forum: "SSPC Finances 101 ~ Today and Tomorrow"

We invite you to join us for the Adult Forum on Sunday, May 3rd, at 10:10 AM in Room 204, where the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee (Gary Hollinger and Gary Karkuff) and the Commitment, Legacy and Endowment (CLE) Committee (Jim Anderson and Bill Resser) as well as our church Treasurer, Don Winning, will be addressing questions such as:

- What are SSPC's average annual sources of income?
- How does the annual Budget Process work?
- What's the difference between a Designated, Permanent and Non-Permanent Fund?
- What's the purpose and benefit of having "reserves"?
- What are we doing, financially, to prepare for the future?
- What are the *1734 Legacy Society* endowment funds?
- When do we plan to start using more of our endowment funds?
- How do I become a member of the *1734 Legacy Society*?

We hope to see you there!

Calling all Graduates

Our graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 10, at both services. If you have a high school or college student graduating this year, please submit their names to the church office by May 4 to have them recognized. Please provide their name, place of graduation and future plans.

Can you believe it's been 10 years? Come celebrate with us!!

On May 6th 2016, the Rev. Donald B. Wahlig was installed as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church. Since that time, he has faithfully led our congregation as we strive to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all! It was my great privilege to have served as chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee who recommended Rev. Wahlig's call to SSPC. On behalf of your Session, your Fellowship Committee, and my former PNC colleagues, it is now my privilege to invite you to join us in the Gathering Place on **May 10th after the 9:00 am service** for a reception to celebrate Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig and this significant milestone in the life of SSPC! ~ Jim Anderson

New Men's Bible Study beginning May 11th, 7 - 8:30 pm! We begin a Men's Bible Study Class, in Room 204, open to all SSPC congregation men and friends, ages 18 and above. What does the Bible say about the role of men on earth and in life. How does this correspond to how we live and act in today's world? What questions do you have as men, what answers does the Bible provide? We will meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Questions? Contact Scott Pepperman at puppytrainer52@aol.com.

Wine Tasting Group - May 15th

Our next get-together will be held at Denny and Jenny Bell's house on Friday, May 15 at 6:30. We ask that you bring an appetizer/sweet to share. If you'd like to bring your own wine glass, please do. Our address is 79 Silver Crown Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 (turn at Aldi on the Pike). If you plan on coming, please send an email to belljen000@gmail.com or call 717-307-5648 by May 8. It's an enjoyable evening to meet new people or spend time with people you've known for a long time.

Earth Care – Did you know?

Packing peanuts are a type of plastic. We know them as Styrofoam. There are 2 common types: polystyrene or biodegradable starch-based alternatives. To determine which type you are dealing with drop one of these into a glass of warm water; if it dissolves, it's a biodegradable starch peanut that can be composted. If it does not dissolve, it is not biodegradable and needs to be reused, recycled, or properly disposed of.

CORE Youth: Join us for a fun Core Day Out on Sunday, April 26, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Dave & Buster's! We will meet by the preschool entrance at 4:45 PM to gather before heading over together—don't miss out on the food, games, and fellowship!

New Hope Ministries: For April, the needs are canned fruit, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you for your help!

Tinner-Fehr Scholarship

Thanks to the Tinner/Fehr families, SSPC students who are active members of SSPC and either a high school senior or college student committed to a career in human healthcare and/or a human healthcare-related field of study can apply. Applicants must write a short essay that includes, listing of the colleges to which they are applying, chosen major, career goal, and explaining how SSPC has influenced their lives and future career choices. Submit your essay to Megan Crompton or church office **by May 15th**.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations on the birth of Maisie Rae Dierich to Ashley and Kayla Dierich! Maisie Rae arrived April 21st at 9:07 am, 9 lbs., 7 oz, 21 inches long. Ashley's doing great, and baby is perfect!

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Les Adams, Kris Carpinello and her parents, the Arbogasts, Carol Boyer, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagino, Fred Frey, Margaret Glockner, Russ Janson, Ron Kutz, Pat Miller, Bill Moore, Rich Morelli, Betsy Neilson, Deb Pfaff, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Jim and Harriet Shoop, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Barb and Tim Wiggin; Family of Don Spangler; Pat Miller and family of Ken Miller; Susan Hudson and family of Curt Hudson; family of Peggy Toms

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

Memorial Services:

Memorial services are scheduled for Nancy Thomas on Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 am, for Don Spangler on Thursday, May 7th at 2:00 pm, for Ken Miller on Friday, May 15 at 11:00 am, and for Curt Hudson on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 am.

Thank you

I am so grateful for your prayers and cards and many kindnesses during my recovery from knee surgery. As healing continues, I thank our God for answers to our prayers and his steadfast love. May God's blessings cover each of you. Betty Hawk

ATTENDANCE

April 12	April 19
9 am Traditional – 92 YouTube – 103	9 am Traditional – 92 YouTube – 103
11 am Gathering – 54 YouTube – 28	11 am Gathering – 54 YouTube – 28
Sunday School – 15	Sunday School – 15

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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The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.