



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

arr. Olstad

Pat Ferris / Cindy Green - flute duet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Wiggin

L: Sing God's praises in his holy sanctuary.

P: **Let the heavens ring out with God's praise!**

L: Sing God's praises throughout his glorious creation.

P: **Let all God's creatures sing his praise!**

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMNS selected by the congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Barb Wiggin

Eternal God, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our Messiah, Lord and Savior. He calls us to follow him on the path of the cross, denying ourselves and living for others so that we might have new life in him. With minds and hearts clouded by sin, we prefer to live for ourselves rather than serving others as he showed us to do. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts and minds so that we might follow Jesus and know the new life that he promises. In his 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

Barb Wiggin

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 #641

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried, "Al-le-lu-ia!"

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Barb Wiggin

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 READING

Psalm 105:1-5

Barb Wiggin

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON

“Who Do You Say Jesus Is and Why Does It Matter, Part 3: Peter Gets It Wrong”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

HYMNS selected by the congregation

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

*HYMNS selected by the congregation

*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

“Go Forth in Peace”

Turner

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by the SSPC church family, in celebration of Bill Cook's retirement from Hampden Township EMS after 42 years.

The window flowers are given by family in loving memory of Rose Levosky.

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: Terry and Susie Reed

Liturgist: Barb Wiggin

Deacon Servers: Susan Hudson and Shannon Leary

Downtown Daily Bread September 4th: Karen Karkuff and friend

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

Baby Blessing – Today in the Gathering Place

In the last year, several babies have been born to SSPC young families! To celebrate this glorious event, CE is hosting a Baby Blessing for these families in the Gathering Place after our 9 am Hymn Sing today. There will be cake, a prayer and well wishes!

The Many Voices, One Song Worship Service will be held TODAY, 4 pm at Second

Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. This event unites over 40 congregations for worship, communion, a Unity Choir (including some of Silver Spring's members), and a post-service picnic. Rev. Cecelia "Cece" Armstrong, Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the PC (USA), will be the guest preacher. We hope you will join us as we worship and connect with other congregations in the Carlisle Presbytery.

Fall Faire is October 24! Please note the following important information:

The Volunteer Board will be up Sunday, August 30th. There will be many opportunities to help out the week of Fall Faire, and perhaps the week before. The bulk of the event's set up will start Sunday afternoon, October 18th, and we will work all that week to prepare the areas for the big day on Saturday, October 24th. We will need volunteers to help out with serving lunch and clean-up after the event.

We will accept donations beginning Sunday, August 30th AFTER the Gathering Service, until 2 pm. To help accommodate staff schedules, please reach out to us to indicate other days during the week, when you would like to drop things. Please call the office to check on John's availability to help bring things in from your car.

Donations needed: nice boutique-y items – lamps, embroidered pillows, Christmas items, white elephant items, toys, new items for Silent auction, etc. **We are not taking small appliances, linens of any kind, 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. If you are not sure, contact Lisa, and she will take it to the planning committee.

Calling All Choir Members and Musicians!

Our Wednesday rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 2, in the choir room.

- Handbell Choir: 6:00–7:00 p.m. (on select Wednesdays throughout the year)
- Sanctuary Choir: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining either the Sanctuary Choir or the Handbell Choir, please contact Tracy Wieseman at tracy@silverspring.org. We welcome new members and would love to have you join us as we begin another season of music ministry!

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 16th!

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 and afterward **preparing Welcome Home Kits for Christian Churches United**. The items being collected are:

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

There are bins to place the cleaning supplies in the Gathering Place and by the Preschool; the laundry baskets and cleaning buckets can be stacked by the bins. Thank you for your support of the Meal with a Mission projects!

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!

Adult Forum and Sunday School today, 10:10-10:50 am in Room 204

We continue our Eyewitness Bible course; this week we meet "The Centurion"! He was the man at the foot of the cross, and his story is incredible. Come and learn!

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

Men's Bible Study - MONDAY, August 31st

We meet in Room 204, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, AND online via Zoom. If you need the link, contact Scott! For the next session we will explore the topic of "2 Thessalonians 3:10, If anyone will not work, neither shall they eat". This class is for all SSPC congregation men and friends, ages 18 and above.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study – September 14th: Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm, every first and third Mondays of the month, in Room 204. We continue our in-depth study of the Gospel of John, by Pastor Skip Heitzig.

Wednesday Bible Study will reconvene in the fall.

Lunch Bunch - September 16th: 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.

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.

Laundry Ministry Update - Loads of love!

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue their Laundry Ministry here at the church. We continue to collect quarters in the Gathering Place, and purchase laundry cards to hand out to patrons at local Morris Laundromats.

Donation Update: We will be traveling to the Morris Laundromat in New Cumberland next time we go out to spread evangelism and hand out gift cards! We have donated 10 gift cards to New Hope Ministries to spread our gifts! Thank you, congregation!

CORE Youth There is no regular CORE gathering this evening.

New Hope Ministries

Needs for **August** include: pancake mix, pancake syrup and canned vegetables. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

Storyboard Ministry

The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place with Post-it notes and markers for your prayer requests (no names, please). Whatever is on your heart, put it on the storyboard and we will pray for each request. If you see a request that you would like to take with you and pray for, feel free to do so. If you want to add one, please do as well. **Our new box for answered prayers is beside the Storyboard. Feel free to place any answered prayers that you are thankful for in the box. God does indeed answer prayers!**

Earth Care - Suggestions for reusing grocery bags:

1. Use them as trash can liners - most common but helpful
2. Use them for car organization. - Place one on back of headrest to collect trash
3. Use them to cushion/protect items when storing and/or shipping [use in place of plastic peanuts]
4. Reuse for quick snacks and/or carrying lunches
5. Use them for household projects - see Pinterest for ideas [e.g. cut up and make into plastic mats]

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 or 717-766-2714.

New Hope Ministries

Needs for **August** include: pancake mix, pancake syrup and canned vegetables. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

Prayers of healing and comfort:

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

Prayers for sympathy: Mike Kazor and family; Sylvia Morelli and family

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

ATTENDANCE

August 16		August 23 - Outdoor Worship
9 am Traditional –128	YouTube – 97	11 am Service – 100
11 am Gathering – 54	YouTube – 42	
Christian Education – 10		Christian Education - 5

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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