



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

REFLECTION ON COMMITMENT

Shannon Leary

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Pethel

Lucy Vaughan, organ/Erica Ickes, piano

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Gross

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

P: **My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.**

L: Happy are those who live in the House of the Lord!

P: **Happy are those whose strength is in God.**

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #367

["Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Steve Gross

Lord, forgive us, for we have wandered far from your ways. We have tried to fool ourselves by denying that we are dependent on you and your grace.

We have tried to fool you by exaggerating our own righteousness. We judge others harshly and fail to show compassion in their time of need.

Misguided by our sin, we do not recognize that we have failed to follow Christ's law of love. Lord, reshape our hearts and help us to see ourselves as we truly are. Move us to repent and return to the path of righteousness that Jesus showed us. 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

Steve Gross

L: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #649

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Steve Gross

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

Psalms 51:1-7

Steve Gross

SECOND READING

Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

Faithful Stewardship, Part 1:
“How to Pray Like a Publican”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

“Just As I Am, I Come”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. McDonald

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 #275

["A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"](#)

*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.**

Please follow the bagpiper to the cemetery for a special service of dedication of the newly installed plaque honoring Ann Marshall Dill Witherspoon Walker, second wife of Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration of Independence and chaplain of the Continental Congress.



The chancel flowers are given by Jay and Suellen Ledvina, in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

The window flowers are given by Mindy Ortenzio, for the glory of God.
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: Dave and Diane Gray **Liturgist:** Steve Gross

Deacon Servers: Judy LaPointe and Shannon Leary

Downtown Daily Bread October 31st: Jayson Wolfgang and friend

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 26, 2025

Silver Spring's "Season of Commitment" begins today

This Reformation Sunday marks the beginning of our "Season of Commitment" at Silver Spring, which will culminate with Commitment Sunday, November 16, when we will consecrate our stewardship commitments for 2026.

Each of us is called by Christ to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:36-40) You will soon be receiving SSPC's 2026 Financial Narrative, which will tell the story of how we are seeking to fulfill Christ's Great Commandment through the allocation of resources to: loving and praising God; loving and nurturing our church family; and loving and serving our neighbors. This week, and on the next two Sundays, members of our congregation will share a personal "reflection on commitment" during worship.

Bill Resser and Jim Anderson

Co-chairs

Commitment, Legacy, and Endowment Committee

Christian Education today at 10:00 am

- **Adult Forum and Sunday School, Room 204:** We will continue our study based on videos from Rob Bell. This class is for adults 19 and over. Come and learn!
- **Youth Church, Room 112:** Join us downstairs for music, a Christian Education lesson, crafts and games. This class is for children from 1st grade and up. See the new set up for the room and new portraits painted just for our Sunday School room. Also, get a chance to see our new interactive television!
- **Preschool Sunday School, Room 112:** We will begin in Room 112 and then move across the hall. This class is for children below 1st grade.

The Intergenerational Choir practices today! Join us with our new Director, Amanda Bevenour, on Sunday mornings, from 10—10:10 am in Room 112. All Sunday School children are invited, along with parents and grandparents. Come and join us to welcome Mandy and praise the Lord with song!

The Annual Trunk N' Treat Event! Tonight from 4-6 pm

We welcome our church family and the community for fun, fellowship and candy tonight from 4-6 pm, in the parking lot beside the gym. Come at 3 pm to participate by decorating your vehicle or a table. Candy will be provided, costumes are encouraged! Please donate your candy in the Gathering Place, all individually wrapped. Thank you!

Monday Afternoon Bible Study - October 27th

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We will begin a new study on the 27th and review a video from Pastor Louie Giglio, titled, "How Great is Our God!" Come and learn, come and discuss.

Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday, November 9th

A special Veterans celebration will be hosted from 10-11 am in the Gathering Place. Veterans are encouraged to bring family to this event. There will be cake, a slide show, recognition plaques, and presentations to honor all our Veterans. There is no sign-up, just join in the celebration hosted by your fun-loving Fellowship Committee

***We want to update last year's slide show. Please send any updates, what you are doing now, and recent photos to Pastor Lisa at lisa@silverspring.org **by October 31st.** Thank you.

Prayers and Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to two families. Please join us in lifting up Alix Fider, who mourns the loss of her grandfather, Larry Lee Chronister, and Pat Richter, whose husband Peter passed away this week. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

Meal with a Mission

The next Meal with a Mission will be Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm in the gym. We will serve a simple supper and afterward pack food boxes for New Hope Ministries. Bins will be placed in the Gathering Place and Preschool.

The food items needed are: peanut butter, snack bars, pouches/cans of chicken or tuna, microwavable rice pouches, and soups, instant oatmeal, canned fruit or applesauce pouches, and canned vegetables. Please plan to attend and bring a guest. We very much want non-member participation.

CORE Youth Group

There is **no Core** today, Sunday, October 26th.

Rather we will be hosting the annual **Trunk-or-Treat from 4 PM-6PM**. Come and decorate your trunk, and hand out candy to our neighbors. As promised, Austin will be attending as Mr. Clean in honor of the youth who like to call him that. So come on out for this incredible outreach event - it'll be a blast!

Next Sunday November 2nd, the youth will be having a Core Day out. The youth will be going to the bowling alley! Please let Austin know if you can attend this event! It'll be a pincredible time!

Young Adults Christian Education Group, the Pathfinders!

CE and young leaders from SSPC started a new group for young adults over 18. Watch for new events being planned! For more information, please contact Ty Headley. The group is currently studying from the Book of Acts.

Young Families Christian Education Group

All interested families can contact Scott Pepperman at puppytrainer52@aol.com or 717-389-5100 for more information and to get involved. Watch for new events!

Help needed for cookie baking - November 24th

The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry cookie bake at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church will be on Monday, November 24th at 8:00 am. Contact Roy McLain at 717-421-2065 or ak_b07@yahoo.com if you are able to help.

Laundry Ministry Update

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue their new ministry, the Laundry Ministry. Update: We have had unbelievable response and have been able to now purchase 60 cards to distribute to various laundromats throughout the West Shore. Coming soon, we will visit a laundromat in Enola to distribute cards and greet patrons. Stay tuned for the update!

Earth Care—Did you know?

There are many ways to find out how to recycle if you have questions:

Try this for one easy way: https://earth911.com/recycling-center-search-guides/?utm_source=earth911-header

Feed My Starving Children - November 12 or 13

Feed My Starving Children ([FMSC.org](https://www.fmsc.org)) is hosting their Journey of a Meal mission engagement sessions in November at their Middletown, PA operations center. FMSC is a Christian non-profit dedicated to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Dates/times are: Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 12 and Nov. 13: 3-4 pm and 6-7 pm on both days. The location is FMSC Middletown, 1000 Kreider Drive, Suite 200, Middletown, PA.

You will learn about FMSC's mission to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit and how we collaborate with local mission partners to empower communities around the world to break the cycle of poverty. You will also participate in a hands-on meal packing experience. These sessions will be an inspiring activity for pastors, mission and outreach teams, youth and small groups, and for folks wondering how they can make a huge impact on the lives of children facing severe food insecurity in many of the poorest communities in the world. **Space is limited so please register to reserve your spot at: <https://give.fmsc.org/journeyofameal>**

Prayers of healing and comfort: Forrest Adams, Gail Bumsted, Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arborgasts, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Bob Buyers, Betsy Eichelberger, Mary Glace, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Pat Langdon, Jan Larson, Roy McLain, Pat Miller, Rick Pierce, John and Shannon Shoop, Don Spangler, Nancy Thomas.

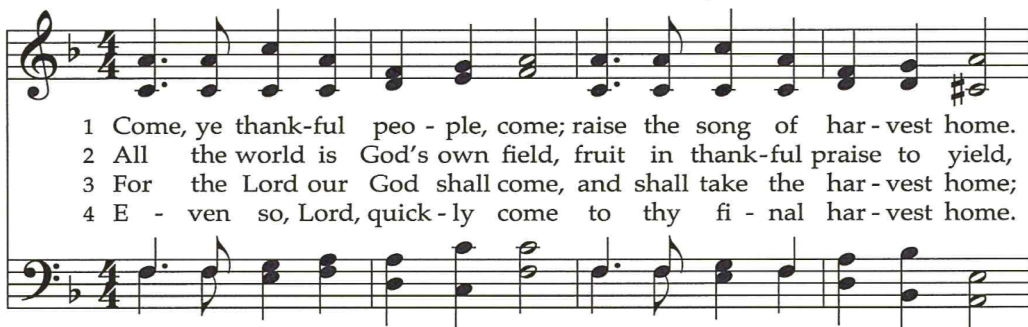
Prayers for Sympathy: Alix Fider, Pat Richter, Jill Handshew

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

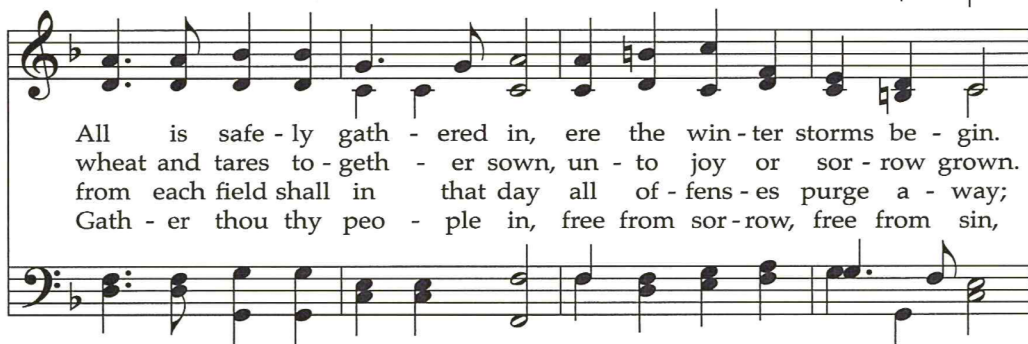
Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits for the past two months.
Roy McLain

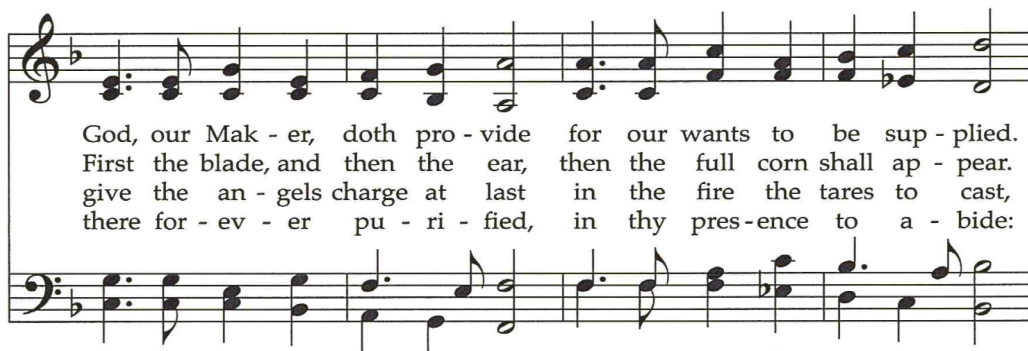
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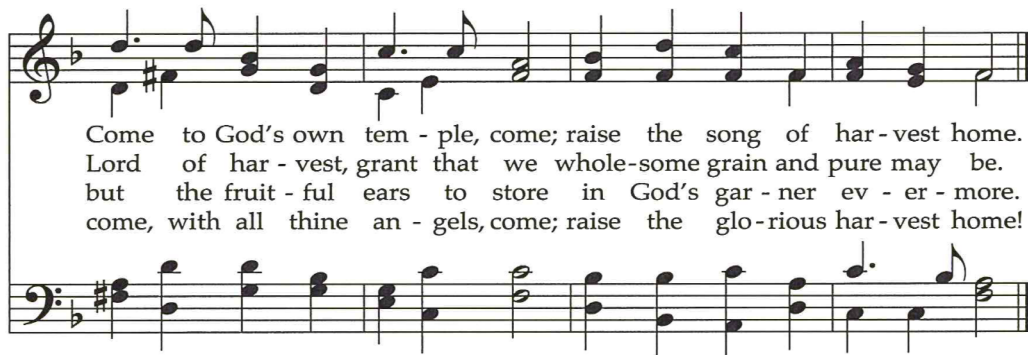
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



ATTENDANCE

October 12

9 am Traditional—97 YouTube—100
11 am Gathering—44 YouTube—24
Sunday School—20

October 19

9 am Traditional—95 YouTube—79
11 am Gathering—57 YouTube—24
Sunday School—44

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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