

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PROCESSION OF THE PIPES (Cemetery)

Jon Heller, Piper

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

REFLECTION ON COMMITMENT: Loving and Praising God

Bill Resser

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

Handbell Choir

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Scots Confession)

Dick Leeds

L: We confess and acknowledge one God,

P: **Whom alone we must serve, and whom alone we must worship.**

L: In true faith and unity through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

P: **We join the company of saints who glorify God's name,**

L: In the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit,

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #275

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Church of Scotland)

Dick Leeds

Merciful God, you promise us new, eternal life by grace, through faith in your son Jesus Christ. We confess that we readily lose faith in him and regularly fail to trust in you. We look at our lives, our nation, and our world, and we grow impatient, angry, and ungrateful. We rage at the failings of others, when we ourselves have failed to follow Jesus' command to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our trust in your goodness (*cont'd.*)

and grace. Through your Spirit, guide and inspire us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. 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 Dick Leeds**
L: Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
ALL: Alleluia, amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #436
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

***PASSING THE PEACE Dick Leeds**
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		Austin Shoop
FIRST READING	Psalm 25:1-10	Dick Leeds
SECOND READING	Matthew 6:19-24	Rev. Dr. Wahlig
SERMON	"Financial Advice from God, Part 1: God's Investment Strategy"	Rev. Dr. Wahlig
ANTHEM	"Assurance" Sanctuary Choir	arr. John Ness Beck

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Chase

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Chase

*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 #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*RECESSIONAL OF THE PIPES

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by Don and Chris Winning,
in celebration of their anniversary.

The window flowers are given by Jay and Suellen Ledvina,
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: Mike and Susan Evans

Liturgist: Dick Leeds

Deacon Servers: Claudia Brown and Eleanor Resser

Downtown Daily Bread October 30th: Rich and Chris Sebring

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

A hearty thank you for all who came out this past week and yesterday for Fall Faire!
We were blessed with wonderful weather, delicious foods, and great volunteers!

Reformed Theology Class today at 10:10 am - Room 204

Join us for the fourth class in a 6-part seminar on “What Makes us Reformed Christians, and How Did We Get this Way?” This week, Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig explains how the Reformation got from John Calvin’s Geneva to the New World. Our focus will be the Reformation in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Together we will review how and why Scotch-Irish Presbyterians in Ulster migrated to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Central Pennsylvania, and points south. Along the way we will discover a fascinating connection to Alexander Craighead, whose sermon at our spring in November 1734 provides the starting point for SSPC. Bring your coffee!

Join us TODAY from 4 pm to 6 pm for CE’s Annual Trunk-Or-Treat Spooktacular!

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 the candy you need!

Spiritual Direction Small Group on Zoom – Keeping the Crazies out of Christmas

Pastor Lisa has designed a spiritual direction small group, to begin Oct. 29th, and run for four consecutive weeks on Zoom (last class in person). The class will be held Thursday afternoons, 2-3:30 pm. This will be a very informative, special class, where a beautiful Christmas memory will be made. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or on Realm.

Meal with a Mission on Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

We will be assembling emergency food boxes for New Hope Ministries. Look for the collection bins after the Fall Faire. The following items will be needed for each emergency food box:

- 5 canned fruits
- 8 canned vegetables
- 6 grains--including cereal, pasta, rice, instant oatmeal, etc.
- 4 proteins--including beans, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, etc.
- 6 meals---including canned soup, can of Chef Boyardee, box of mac n cheese, pasta sauce, hamburger helper, box of granola bars, etc.

Sunday School for High School and Middle School Youth begins!

We begin in Room 112 with all Sunday School participants singing and then move to Room 203. Our teachers are Jenny and Andrew Jillson. This program is for students from 6th- 12th grade. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sunday morning nursery for infants to three (3) year olds is available.

Contact CE if you need this service on Sunday mornings.

No Youth Church for Pre-K/K Youth Church today - We will resume November 1st.

Elementary school youth church will be meeting today.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study - November 2nd

All are invited to this unique study for adult men and women! We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every first and third Monday of the month, in Room 204. We continue our in-depth study of the Gospel of John, by Pastor Skip Heitzig. We will cover the end of John 11 in our next session. If you need the Zoom link, contact Scott Pepperman.

Men's Bible Study will resume Monday night, November 9th at 7 pm.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study – 1 to 3 pm in the Parlor

We have begun a new study and we welcome you to come and explore with us. All are welcome! For any questions, please contact Carolyn Dorward.

November Dining Out Opportunities

Join us for a meal and fellowship on these dates. All are welcome!

- Lunch Group on November 2nd at noon at the Pizza Grill in Camp Hill.
- Dining Out Group on November 9th at 5:30 pm at the Ever Grain Brewing Company on the Carlisle Pike.

Please sign up in the Gathering Place, or contact Susan Roquemore at 717-645-1220.

Giant Grocery Gift Cards - Help CE Raise Money for our Christian Education programs!

For many years, Cindy Corbin has administered the Giant food gift card program. We thank Cindy, as she will soon be handing it off to another member of the congregation. If you shop at Giant and sign up for gift cards, there's no added cost. For every dollar, Christian Education gets five cents, so on a monthly basis, it's \$75 maybe \$100. Christian Education appreciates your faith and trust in our programs and your support as always.

New Hope Ministries

Needs for October include peanut butter, pasta sauce, and shampoo. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

Custodial Update

Joe Gingerich, one of the temporary custodians, has resigned after determining the position was not the right fit for him at SSPC. Daryl Rabold has agreed to assume the responsibilities of both part-time positions and will work each weekday, handling all custodial duties. We are grateful for Daryl's willingness to step in and help meet our custodial needs while John continues his rehabilitation. Please join us in thanking Daryl for his willingness to serve during this time.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

John Clegg, Roxanne Dagino, Ken Engle, Bob Gaffney, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Tony Kren, Gil and Joyce Longwell, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Pat Pierce, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Carole Cuthbertson and family; family of Gertrude Taylor; family of Lew Atkinson; Harriet Shoop and family; family of Ruth Stoll

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

Memorial Services at Silver Spring:

- A service for Ruth Stoll will be on Saturday, October 31st at 1 pm.
- A service for Lew Atkinson will be on Friday, November 6th at 1 pm.
- A service for John Cuthbertson will be on Saturday, November 7th at 11 am.

Thank You

The family of Ron and Margie Kutz would like to extend their gratitude and thanks for the SSPC family that so wonderfully cared for and supported Ron, Margie and family throughout these past few years! Any prayers, visits, cards, texts, help with memorial services and being part of Margie and Ron's journey has been greatly appreciated! We are blessed to have such a loving and supportive community! THANK YOU!

Dave, Jim, Jeanne and family

Alternative ways to support Silver Spring in 2026 – RMD & QCD Reminder

Making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your qualified retirement account in the remaining weeks of 2026 is an excellent and impactful way to support the ministry and mission of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church and to minimize your Federal Income Tax obligation. It is truly a win-win situation.

Depending on your age, the Federal Government requires that you take annual distributions (withdrawals) from your qualified 401(k) or individual retirement account (IRA). You must generally begin making RMD's starting at age 73. The RMD age increases to age 75 for individuals born in 1960 or later. These withdrawals, which are referred to as RMD's (taxable income), may be distributed directly from your IRAs to Silver Spring Presbyterian Church in the form of a QCD. A QCD reduces your annual RMD. In other words, using your RMD for charitable giving via a QCD to Silver Spring Presbyterian Church directly reduces your taxable income and helps support our programs.

You don't have to wait to age 73 to 75 to make a tax-free QCD from your 401(k) or IRA. The SECURE Act of 2019, as amended, extended the age for making RMDs but left the age for making QCDs at 70 ½ and you may distribute up to \$111,000 annually tax-free to Silver Spring Presbyterian Church. QCDs are a great way to reduce your income and estate taxes.

Please consult the administrator of your retirement plan, along with your tax or financial advisor, to determine the best alternative for making your QCD to SSPC in 2026, annually in 2027 and beyond. It is generally a simple and easy process. Please feel free to contact Jim Bogar at 717-608-8773 or [**jbogar@bogarlaw.com**](mailto:jbogar@bogarlaw.com) or Bill Resser at 717-580-7667 or [**billresser@gmail.com**](mailto:billresser@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

ATTENDANCE

October 11		October 18	
9 am Traditional – 90	YouTube – 88	9 am Traditional – 110	YouTube – 65
11 am Gathering – 65	YouTube – 22	11 am Gathering – 42	YouTube – 25
Christian Education – 44		Christian Education – 48	

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



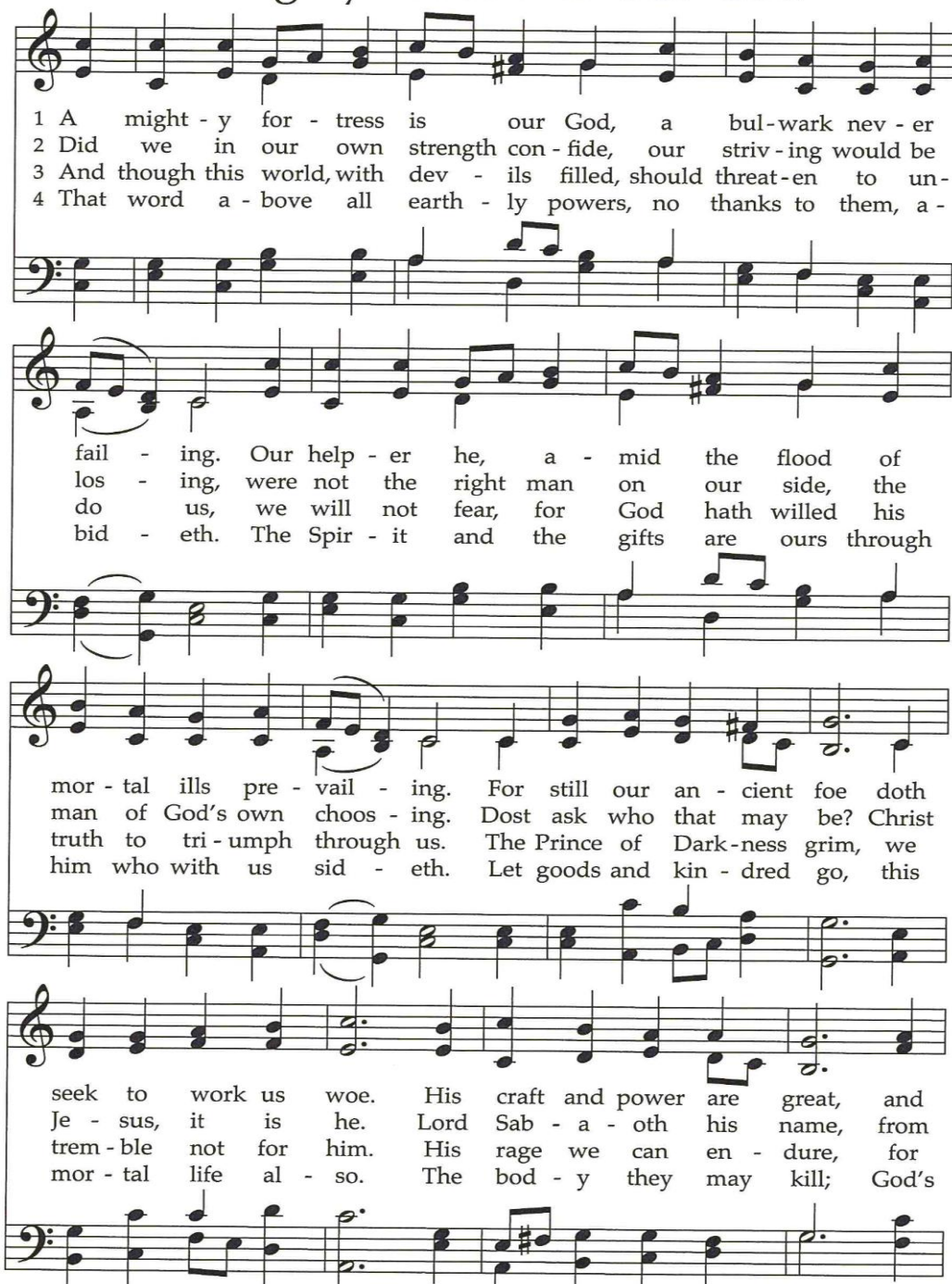
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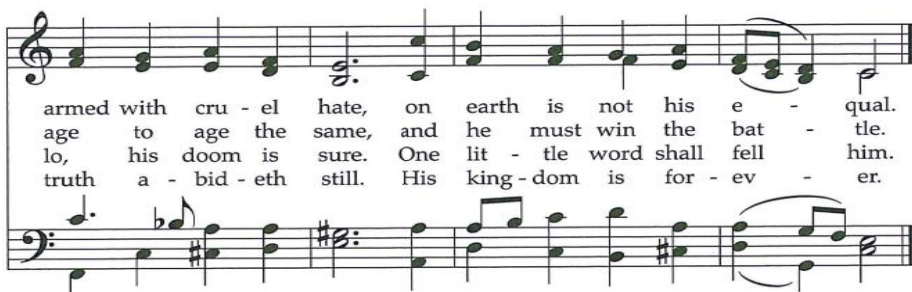


1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

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

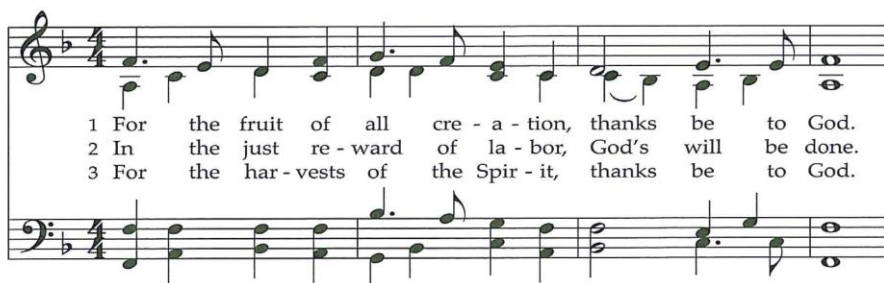
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

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.

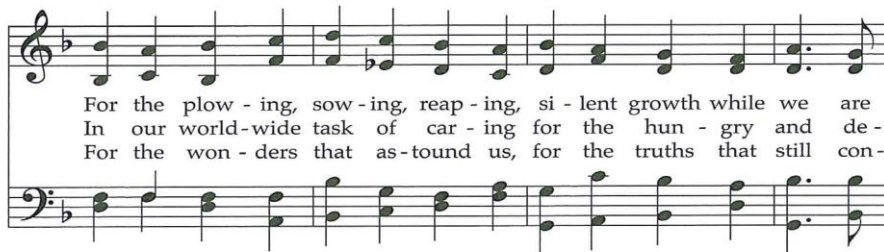
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



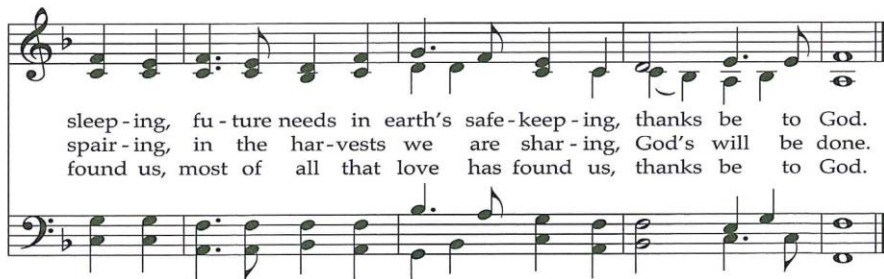
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.