



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Bryan Corbin

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

arr. Lasky

\*\*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Richard and Audra Pierce

L: Keep watch for the Messiah is coming!

P: We hope for the righteous branch of David.

L: He will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

P: Our hope is in the Lord. From death, the Lord brings life.

L: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

All: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

vv. 1-3, 6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ken Harm

Loving God, you kept your promise to bring light into the world and to guide our steps into the paths of peace and righteousness. You sent us Jesus and from him we receive salvation. Yet we confess to being less than faithful in our response. We have been tentative and cautious rather than bold and generous; we have feared what people will think rather than speak a prophetic word and stand up for what is right and just. We pack our calendars with busyness and neglect your wisdom to be still. We forget that our worth lies in being beloved children of God, bringing your love and hope to a fragile, broken world. Redeeming God, may your coming once again, reorder our priorities, renew our commitments and refashion our witness. Cast out our sin and enter in. Remake us in your grace and light.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession) Amen.

\*Hymn #551

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ken Harm

L: May the God of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image,

P: To the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #88, verse 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel.

+\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Bryan Corbin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Ken Harm

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Lisa Chase

SERMON

"Lighting our Paths Together, Waiting and Watching"

Rev. Chase

HYMN #82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Don Wahlig

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wahlig

DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

\*HYMN #336

"We Gather Together"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chase

\*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 Praise"

Smith

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit

+Latecomers will be seated

**Nursery:** Children age 3 and younger are invited to the Nursery, Rooms 101 and 102.

Two 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:** Tony Kren and Tracy Bryan

**Deacon Servers:** Chris Sebring and Heather McCarthy

**Downtown Daily Bread on December 2:** Jim and Carol Bogar

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Donald B. Wahlig**  
**Rev. Lisa S. Chase**  
**Bryan Corbin**  
**Dr. Kyle J. Weary**  
**Tracy Wieseman**  
**Erica Ickes**  
**Ryan Edwards**  
**Emily Cocores**  
**Diane G. Rabold**  
**Priscilla Biller**  
**John Clegg**

**Senior Pastor/Head of Staff**  
**Associate Pastor**  
**Director of Youth Ministry**  
**Director of Music**  
**Music Associate**  
**Organist**  
**Worship Tech Specialist**  
**Preschool Director**  
**Business Manager**  
**Office Manager**  
**Sexton**



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

**Soli Deo Gloria**

### **Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.**

**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

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **November 13**

9 am Traditional— 128   YouTube—87  
11 am Gathering— 58   YouTube—17  
Sunday School—31

#### **November 20**

9 am Traditional— 158   YouTube—74  
11 am Gathering— 50   YouTube—22  
Sunday School—26

## SSPC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**Sunday School at 10 am:** Adults will be in Room 204; there is **no Sunday School for children this week**. We will be starting Max Lucado's video, "Because of Bethlehem." For those adults who joined us for this study last Advent Season and for those in our Bible Study Class, you will enjoy this Advent study. Come and join us!

### Bibles for 2nd and 3rd Graders

The Christian Education Committee will be presenting Bibles to the 2nd and 3rd graders on Sunday, December 4th, during both services. We are excited by this opportunity to share the word of God with our children.

### There is a Christmas Eve Nativity Program Practice

after the Gathering service on November 27th. Another practice is scheduled on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and also a couple of hours before the family service on Christmas Eve.

**Help is still needed for baking cookies on Tuesday, November 29.** If you can help with baking cookies at the church for the Truckstop Ministry, please contact Roy McLain, 717-421-2065.

**Dining Out Group - Wednesday, November 30** We will meet at DaVinci's Italian Eatery at 6617 Carlisle Pike in Hagerstown at 5:30 pm. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or call Denny or Jenny Bell at 717-697-0679.

**Lunch Bunch - Thursday, December 1** Join us at the El Sol Cantina at 11:30 am, 3721 Market Street, Camp Hill. Please sign up in the Gathering Place by November 29, or contact Lynne Jackson, 717-761 0940.

### Plan now to attend our Sunday Afternoon Vesper Concerts:

Come hear beautiful Christmas music and worship with us in the Meeting House on the dates below. After each concert, join us for refreshments in the Gathering Place.

- **December 4 at 2:00 pm:** Voices of the Valley—Be sure to join us for this uplifting event...you just might see a few familiar SSPC faces singing among the Voices!
- **December 11 at 3:00 pm:** St. Thomas Dulcimer Society (followed by the Advent Feast—see below)
- **December 18 at 3:00 pm:** Cedar Cliff Chamber Choir

### Circle Rebekah - Thursday, December 8

Join us for Bible study at 1:00 pm (Chapel in-person or on Zoom) and a time of fellowship with other women. We are using the PW/Horizons Bible Study: "**Celebrating Sabbath – Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight**" by Carol M. Bechtel. This month's lesson, "**Sabbath and Surrender**," will be led by Lydia Fehr. The key idea: The "manna" story, with its emphasis on only gathering as much as we need and not gathering on the Sabbath, is a call to trust God to provide for our needs. If you want to socialize beforehand, bring a bag lunch to the Parlor at 12:15 or join us for dessert at 12:40. The dessert will be provided by Elizabeth Bentzel. All women of the church are welcome. For more information and the Zoom Link contact Emily Krebs, 717-805-5778.

### Advent Feast and Festival Ham Dinner - Sunday, December 11

The CE Committee invites our SSPC family, our SSPC Preschool family and our local community to this SSPC tradition like no other! The CE Committee will provide the hams, and we ask attendees to bring a side dish to feed approximately ten people. If your last name starts with the letter A to M, bring a savory dish, or a salad. If your last name starts with the letter N to Z, bring a sweet side dish, or dessert.

We will begin approximately 4:30 pm, after Vespers, in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided, along with recycled paper products for dishes, utensils, and napkins. We will begin with a family Advent craft, followed by dinner. We will be able to reheat food as needed. Christmas music will be provided by DJ Ken Garman, and we will sing carols to end the evening together. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or email the CE Committee at [puppytrainer52@aol.com](mailto:puppytrainer52@aol.com) **by Monday, Dec. 5th**. Donations will be greatly appreciated!

### **Christmas Cantata Sunday: December 11, 11:00 am in the Meeting House**

**\*Join us for a Reception after the Cantata in the Gathering Place\*** Calling all bakers! Can you show your appreciation for the Choir by baking? Donations of cookies, bars and mini muffins are needed following the 11:00 am Cantata. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

**Angel Tree Gifts Due by December 10:** Just a few Angel Tree tags are left—Please take a tag and sign it out on the matching colored sheets. Thank you for caring and sharing. NOTE: Would whomever took blue tags HARO and HACR-2 please sign those two tags out on the matching colored sign up sheet? Thank you.

**Poinsettia Dedications:** The Christmas poinsettia order forms are available in the Gathering Place. Please return the form by Monday, December 12. The names of dedication will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.

**Blue Christmas Service - Thursday, December 15, 7 pm in the Meeting House** While many of us are looking forward to Christmas with great anticipation, for some of us the holidays are a time of intensified grief. This service is for anyone who seeks hope and comfort amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

### **Live Nativity - Thursday, December 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Enjoy a live nativity, singing of Christmas carols, refreshments and a petting zoo!

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**5:30 pm:** Children and Families Service with Christmas Pageant

**7:00 pm:** Traditional Candlelight Service

### **Winter ROAR Mission Trip**

You are invited to join with members and friends of Silver Spring Church as we return to Gainesville Florida to work with Alachua Habitat For Humanity building homes for Habitat partner families. The week will begin with arrival in Gainesville on Sunday, January 29 and end on Saturday, February 4, 2023. The ROAR Team is not a select group of people who go on all mission trips. A ROAR Team consists of volunteers who want to help a neighbor in need and possibly learn a new skill in the process. As always, you do not need to have building experience or a truck load of tools. Everyone can do something to help build a home for a deserving family. If you are interested in being part of this mission trip or need more information please contact Terry Reed at [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net), or at 717-766-2714, or see me at church.

**Alternative Ways to Support SSPC in 2022:** Making a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** from your **required minimum distribution (RMD)** from your qualified retirement account in the remaining weeks of 2022 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.

If you are age 72 or older, the Federal Government requires that you take annual distributions (withdrawals) from your qualified 401(k) or individual retirement account (IRA). These withdrawals, which are referred to as the RMD, may be distributed directly from your IRA's 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 72 to make a tax-free QCD from your 401(k) or IRA. The SECURE Act of 2019 extended the age for making RMDs to 72 but left the age for making QCDs at 70 ½ and you may distribute up to \$100,000 annually tax-free to your favorite charity. 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 2022 and, perhaps, annually. Please feel free to contact Bill Vipperman, 717-991-5825 or Bill Resser, 717-580-7667, with any questions you may have.

**Membership badges:** The cost for name badges is \$6.00 for each. You can order the badges by emailing Scott Pepperman at [puppytrainer52@aol.com](mailto:puppytrainer52@aol.com), or calling him at **717-389-5100**. Make your check payable to SSPC.

### **YOUTH, Join us this holiday season by serving and worshiping God**

Of course, we will also have fun along the way! We will do service projects including painting nativity scenes for homebound members, preparing luminaries for the Live Nativity and Christmas Eve; being actors in the Live Nativity and Christmas Eve Pageant. We will also have a CORE Christmas party on December 18th hosted by Pastor Lisa!

November 27, 2022: CORE from 6-8

December 4, 2022: CORE from 6-8

December 11, 2022: NO CORE

### **Church Campus**

Over the last several years the Building and Grounds Committee discussed the peninsula of land that surrounds the peace garden. This focused on the addition of a columbarium, which had been planned for many decades, as well as maintaining the beauty and serenity of the area. There was also the concern for accessibility to the columbarium, the peace garden, and the overall security due to the proximity of automobile traffic on Presbyterian Drive.

Planning became more focused on initiatives related to this area in the last several months. The Building and Grounds Committee was thankful that an individual in the congregation stepped forward and so generously donated the necessary money to fund the installation of a stamped concrete walkway to the columbarium and peace garden. Without this gift it would not have been possible to go forward with this initiative. Additional landscaping will also be added to this area in the coming months.

Our long-term goal to address the security and safety issue related to this area is by installing a fence and gate around this peninsula. Such a fence would be designed in keeping with the historical character of the existing cemetery stone wall and iron gates. While there are no current funds budgeted for this initiative, Building and Grounds Committee is exploring different ways we might fund this effort.

The stamped concrete was chosen because of its enhanced beauty over plain concrete and the fact that it is in keeping with the character of the stone cemetery wall. The new columbarium will ensure that future generations of SSPC members will have the ability to choose their final resting place on our historic church property.

### **Earth Care**

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. -- John Ruskin

Let us be grateful for all. Happy Thanksgiving!!

### **PRAYERS**

**Prayers of healing and comfort:** Sam Corbin, Bob Krebs, Linda Greenleaf, Joan Bretz, Jack Heeter, Florence Bellis, Margie Kutz, Deb Pfaff, Carl Schleicher, Elizabeth Bellis

**Prayers of sympathy:** John Swan and Christa Lenk for the death of Vivian Swan

**Prayers for our military members:** Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.

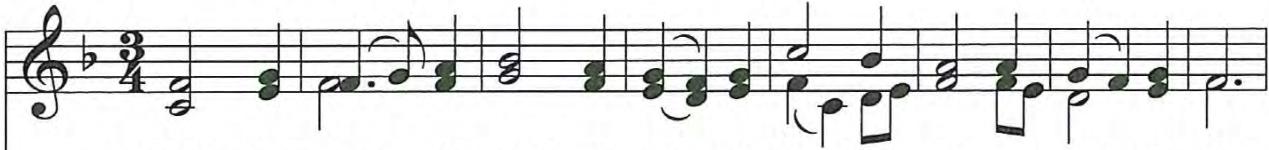
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 shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.

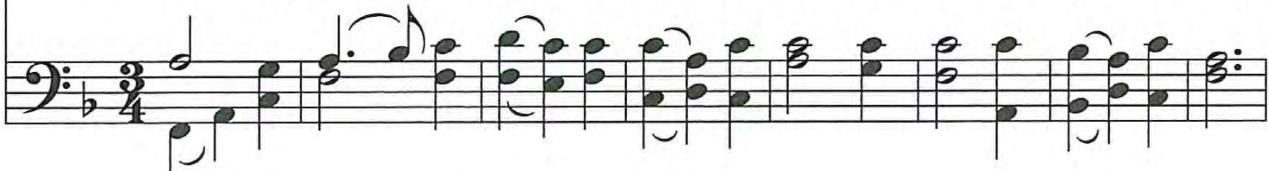
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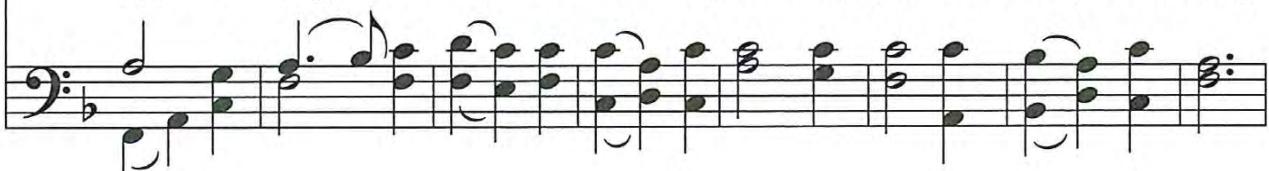
# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



## We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!