

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pathfinders

Ty Headley

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

Three Hymn Medley arr. B.C. Dockery, 2022

Holy, Holy, Holy; Jesus Paid It All; It Is Well With My Soul Silver Spring Presbyterian Brass Quintet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Schnell

- L: Praise the Lord! I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation of God's people.
- P: How amazing are the works of our God! They are treasured by all who love and serve him.
- L: Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.
- P: All he does is just and good, and his commandments are trustworthy, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.
- L: Reverence for the Lord is where true wisdom begins, and the rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him.
- All: In the name of God, the Creator, Jesus, our Savior, and the Spirit, the Sustainer, let us praise God!

+*HYMN #624 <u>"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"</u>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jerry Schnell

Holy God, your love is like a kind wind to our back, forever gently guiding us along. Yet how often do we turn away from your support and attempt to push ahead in our own way? We prefer our plans, and miss seeing how we might cooperate with your guidance. We believe that it is by our own efforts that we accomplish the deed or possess the reward. In our drivenness, we miss the spirit of joyful thanksgiving. We live without gratitude and languish in isolation. Holy God, keep our souls turned toward you. In your guidance, we can move toward joy, wholeness and community. In Jesus' name (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

Jerry Schnell

L: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ALL: Thanks be to God - Hallelujah! 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

Jerry Schnell

- 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. John Green
FIRST READING	Colossians 1:15-23	Jerry Schnell
SECOND READING	Luke 10:38-42	Rev. Green
SERMON	"The Better Part"	Rev. Green
SPECIAL MUSIC	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Brass Quintet	arr. Dockery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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 #744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*BENEDICTION

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #541, v.1

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

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

"A Joyous Recessional"

+Latecomers will be seated

The chancel flowers are given by Rev. Lisa and Randall Chase to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of their parents:

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In honor: Mrs. Louise Chase, who will be 94 the end of July, and Dr. Thomas Strong who will be 93 in December.

> In memory of: Mr. Kenneth Chase (1931 -2015) and Mrs. Peggy Crocker Strong (1933-2025).

The flowers are also given in honor of their children, Lt. Dr. Olivia Chase and Mr. Elliott Chase.

The window flowers are given by Jim and Harriet Shoop in honor of their 73rd wedding anniversary.

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

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Rev. Green

Ellis

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: Megan and Drew Crompton Liturgist: Jerry Schnell Deacon Servers: Holly Lawrence and Matthew Wieseman Downtown Daily Bread July 25th: Jayson Wolfgang and friend

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 20, 2025

Dear congregation:

On July 27 and August 3, I am doing a two-part sermon series on the power of prayer. On July 27, I will present the mechanics of prayer and a format that I have found to be helpful. The following Sunday, I'll give examples of answered prayer. I would love to share some of your stories of answered prayer in the sermon. You can give me your name or make it anonymous. I will probably be able to share two or three stories. I have a few of my own stories to share, but I would really love to hear yours and share them if you are open to that. Please email me at **lisa@silverspring.org**. Everything will be held in confidence. I will share the particulars, but not the name, if that is what you would like for me to do. Thank you.

Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Grace Russell for the death of her husband George this week. Please keep Grace and the Russell family in your thoughts and prayers.

Adult Forum and Sunday School today, 10:10 am

Our study is from author Louie Giglio, entitled "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table." In this six-session video Bible study bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation. This class is for adults from 19 to 99.

Another New Ministry from SSPC Youth!

Inspired by our Meal with a Mission success with gathering laundry pods for Downtown Daily Bread, the new ministry is called **Laundry Ministry**. Look for the large container in the Gathering Place. We are asking the congregation to put a quarter in there every time you pass by. When we get about \$20 or more in quarters, the youth will take them to a local laundromat and give them to patrons as outreach and taking our love for each other into our community. We appreciate the congregation's support of our efforts and as always, your prayers.

Manna Project

Over 17 years ago, SSPC began to welcome newcomers through the Manna Project. Each year, volunteers sign up to welcome visitors with a loaf of bread and to share information about SSPC along with what the church means to them. Many visitors have joined our church family because of a Manna Visit. Please consider participating in this project to welcome our new visitors. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. For any questions, please contact Shannon Leary at shanlear17@gmail.com.

Dining Out Group, July 22nd

The Dining Out Group will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, July 22, at T.J. Rockwell's restaurant. T.J. Rockwell's is located at 895 West Grantham Road, Mechanicsburg, next to Ashcombe's. For reservations, please sign up at the church or email Dale or Linda Darkes at dldarkes@comcast.net.

Monday Bible Study, July 28th

All are invited! We meet 1 pm to 3 pm every other week in Room 204. We continue our study of Revelation as we watch sessions by Rev. Gary Hamrick, from Leesburg, Virginia. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Wine Tasting Interest Group, August 10th

We are holding our next event at Mike and Nancy Gawlas' home on Sunday, August 10 from 4:00—7:00. Their address is 612 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg, 17055. It will be outside and is sure to be a wonderful time. As usual, please bring an appetizer or something sweet to share. If you're interested in being put on the contact list for this group, please email Jenny Bell at **belljen000@gmail.com** or sign up in the Gathering Place. Please RSVP by August 4 if you're interested in attending.

ROAR Summer Mission Trip

The ROAR Team will be heading south to Asheville, NC for the week of August 03—09, 2025 . We will be working with Asheville Habitat For Humanity building homes for people in need and/or rebuilding properties damaged by Hurricane Hellene in September of 2024. You do not need to be a skilled builder to be a part of the August ROAR Team; all you need is a willing heart to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we minister to our neighbors, some of whom lost all their worldly goods. A ROAR Team is a group of volunteers gathered together as witnesses of God's love, bringing hope to those in need. If you are interested in being part of the August ROAR Team, or have questions, please contact Terry Reed at 717-766-2714 or tsreed@verizon.net.

CORE Youth

<u>CORE will meet on Sunday, July 20th.</u> We will gather this week at 5 pm at the CORE room and head to Trindle Bowl and Glo Golf for fun and adventure! No meal provided, just snacks! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

CORE is from 6 pm to 8 pm in the CORE room, downstairs at the church in the Preschool on most Sundays. CORE is open to all youth from sixth grade to twelfth grade. CORE is about fellowship, service and Christian Education. Come and join us at our next meeting!

Storyboard Ministry

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry on Easter called the **Storyboard Ministry!** Here is how it works: The Youth have placed an easel in the Gathering Place, along with Post-it notes and markers. Simply fill out a poster note with a prayer request or hope (no names, please) and each Sunday we will collect the requests and pray for them at our CORE meetings. Whatever is on your heart, put it on the Storyboard and we will pray for each request.

Young Adults Group, the Pathfinders!

New in 2025, CE and young leaders from SSPC have begun a new group for young adults over 18. For further information, contact Ty Headley. This group is for young adults 19 and older, single or married! This new effort is specifically for our young adults and they are leading this effort and charting their own course. Watch for new events being planned!

Young Families Christian Education Group

Also new in 2025, CE has begun a new effort for our young families. We are meeting one Sunday a month with young families for lunch and discussion. We are planning one or more events this summer featuring earth care, food, fun and fellowship built for our young families. Please contact Scott Pepperman at puppytrainer52@aol.com or 717-389-5100 for more information.

New Hope Ministries

Needs for July include: Canned meat, pasta/noodles, and canned vegetables. Donation bins are located by the Chapel. Thank you for your support to this local ministry!

Earth Care—Did you know:

Vampire power sucked up by idle devices makes up 5-10% of household electricity use. Unplug razors, electric toothbrushes etc. when not in use.

Prayers of healing and comfort: Ted and Cindy Cramer, Roy McLain, Curt Hudson, Jan Larson, Lori Scandle, Ron Ferris, Pat Langdon, Bob Buyers, Betsy Eichelberger, Forrest Adams, Nancy Thomas, Margaret Glockner, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Ron Kutz

Prayers for Sympathy: Grace Russell

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





ATTENDANCE

July 6		July 13	Vac Taka 77
9 am Traditional—74	YouTube-77	9 am Traditional—93	YouTube-67
11 am Gathering—33	YouTube-23	11 am Gathering—48 Sunday School—18	YouTube-26

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

<u>Our Mission</u> 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 <u>all</u>.

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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