



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" Fischer  
SSPC Brass Ensemble

+WELCOME Austin Shoop

MINUTE FOR MISSION Per Capita Bob Davis

MUSIC FOR ADORATION "On a Hill Far Away" Bennard  
SSPC Brass Ensemble

+\*CALL TO WORSHIP Ashley Ringquist

L: Praise God who does not see as mortals see!

P: Praise the Lord, who sees the heart and saves the soul!

L: Come, let us sing praises to Christ, the Light of the world.

P: In his light, we see light and glorify his name!

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN #451 ["Open My Eyes, That I May See"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Ashley Ringquist

Gracious God, you give us the gift of faith so that we might know the power of your gracious love in Jesus Christ. With hearts and minds illumined by faith in him, we are called to shine the light of his love to transform the darkness of the world around us. With the vision of our hearts clouded by sin, however, we are often as blind as the pharisees. We fail to see the power and possibility of Christ's love to make others whole and we fail to help them flourish as you intend us to do. (*Cont'd.*)

Lord, forgive our spiritual short-sightedness. Open our eyes, minds, and hearts, to receive and share your amazing grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the light of the world.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

KYRIE—HYMN # 551                   “Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ashley Ringquist

L: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: though we are all sinners,

P: Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

L: The old life is gone;

P: Our new life in Christ has begun!

L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Alleluia, Amen!

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

+\* PASSING THE PEACE

Ashley Ringquist

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 23:1-6

Ashley Ringquist



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:** Jason, Matthew, James and Kate Ringquist **Liturgist:** Ashley Ringquist

**Deacon Servers:** Tracy Katshir and Shannon Leary

**Downtown Daily Bread March 20th:** Jo Day and Tracy Bryan

## **WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 15, 2026**

### **2026 Lenten Series Offered at SSPC**

Join Pastors Lisa Chase and Don Wahlig on **March 18 and 25** for the remaining weeks of our Lenten Series. This series is designed as an in-person experience, inviting you into spiritual practices that will foster a deeper experience of God in your faith journey. Together, we will explore sacred disciplines to help deepen our ability to notice and listen to God. Through guided reflections, shared conversation and spiritual exercises, we will learn how to apply discernment in everyday life and cultivate awareness, clarity, and faithful responses throughout the Lenten season and beyond within a supportive, prayerful community. We hope to see you there!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

CE and the CORE Youth are pleased to announce this year's Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28th, from 9 am to 11 am**, open to children 1 to 10 years old. We will be serving coffee and donuts starting at 9 am. The Hunt will begin at approximately 10 am and last as long as there are eggs. The Easter bunny will make an appearance to meet the children and be available to take pictures. Prizes will be awarded to finders of the special "golden" eggs. **Look for a decorated basket in the Gathering Place, if you would like to donate candy or empty plastic Easter eggs. This is SSPC's next outreach event, come one, come all!**

### **Healthy Living Class Today, 10:10 am in Room 204**

The lecture will be presented by John Wickizer, MA, LPC from Cornerstone Counseling. The title of the lecture is: "How to better communicate in a polarized world." We look forward to seeing you today for what will be a very informative discussion!

## **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.

## **Preschool/Kindergarten Youth Church, 10:15-10:50 am, Room 108**

There will be singing, a lesson, and play time.

## **Monday Bible Study – March 23rd**

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We will begin an in-depth study of the Gospels. Come learn and discuss.

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

We meet each week in the Parlor from 1-3 pm, currently studying Max Lucado's new book, "Taming Your Thoughts". This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn!

## **Easter Lily Orders**

Help us celebrate Christ's resurrection by ordering an Easter lily to decorate our beautiful church. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Place and are due by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Lilies are \$15.00 (checks only please, made payable to SSPC).

## **HOLY WEEK at SSPC**

- **Palm Sunday - March 29th**

Worship Services at 9 am and 11 am with a Palm Sunday Reception at 10 am  
The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received.

- **Maundy Thursday - April 2nd**

5:30 pm Worship Service in the Gathering Place with a Simple Supper and Communion

- **Good Friday - April 3rd**

Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 pm in the Meeting House

Join us for a moving reflection of Christ's death on the cross.

- **Easter Sunday - April 5th**

Worship Services at 9 am and 11 am with Sunday School / Youth Church at 10 am

There will be a special brass ensemble performing with the Sanctuary Choir.

Nursery for children 3 and under upon request (please contact the church office.)

## **One Great Hour of Sharing – Special Offering – Palm Sunday, March 29**

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in” (Isaiah 58:12). As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] “to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?” (Isaiah 58:7).

When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are combining our efforts with thousands of churches across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples’ lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing to benefit Presbyterian ministries to end hunger and poverty, provide assistance after disaster strikes, work with sustainable community development, and come alongside immigrants, migrants, and refugees. This is an opportunity to participate in God’s ongoing repair of the world God so loves and see how giving opens your heart to God’s work in your own life.

### **Ladies Tea Luncheon on May 2nd**

Ladies, reserve May 2nd for the annual Presbyterian Women’s Tea Luncheon starting at 11 am. This year’s guest speaker will be from Pink Hands of Hope – a non-profit in our community committed to supporting women fighting breast cancer.

Breast cancer has touched the lives of so many people, and we would like to know if you are among them. If you or an immediate loved one has ever used the services of Pink Hands of Hope in Mechanicsburg, please let us know by contacting Ellen Frey or Carol Service. You can sign up for the Tea in the Gathering Place or on Realm.

### **Young Adults Christian Education Group, the Pathfinders!**

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

### **Laundry Ministry Update**

We continue to collect quarters in the Gathering Place, in the laundry basket and purchase laundry cards to hand out to patrons at local Morris Laundromats. The weather has curtailed our efforts, but we’ll be back at it soon. Thanks for the prayers & quarters!

**New Hope Ministries:** Needs for March include: pancake mix, pancake syrup, and shampoo. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you for giving to help our local community!

## **CORE Youth**

There will be Core youth group this Sunday from 6PM-8PM. After all of our hard work on youth Sunday, come this Sunday and relax as we get back to our normal operations. We will have an interactive lesson, prayer, and some games. I hope to see you there!

## **New Hope Ministries**

The following items are needed this month: pancake mix, pancake syrup, and shampoo. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel.

**Earth Care:** Alkaline batteries [AA,AAA,C,D] can be placed in curbside waste. However, there are a few guidelines to follow: 1) Remove from device as soon as possible, 2) Store in non-metal container, 3) Cover terminals of 9-volt batteries with tape, and 4) Keep single use separate from rechargeable. Use a battery collection program if available [SSPC collection bucket] or drop off at Batteries Plus.

## **Tai Chi Walking - Starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church**

Tai Chi is traditional martial art from China which has been practiced for centuries. While it is practiced as a functional martial art for self defense, practicing Tai Chi has been shown to help increase circulation, decrease pain in joints, help increase mobility, improve balance as well as improve overall quality of life as we age.

**This is a beginner class and open to all - bring a friend!**

The class will be 9:15-10:15 am on Wednesdays in Room 202/203, beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The instructor is Stephen Maclay who has been teaching yoga at SSPC for several years. For more information, please pick up a flyer in the Gathering Place or contact Lisa Janson at 717-385-5227 or lisaj626@gmail.com with any questions.

## **Prayers of healing and comfort:**

Kris Carpinello and her parents, the Arbogasts, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagino, Fred Frey, Margaret Glockner, Chad Hall, Betty Hawk, Russ Janson, Ron Kutz, Ken Miller, Pat Miller, Bill Moore, Rich Morelli, Betsy Neilson, Deb Pfaff, Chris Sebring, Tanya Wagner, Chris Winning

**Prayers for sympathy:** Bill Cook for the death of his mother

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

## ATTENDANCE

March 1 - Youth Sunday	March 8
9 am Traditional – 140 YouTube – 93	9 am Traditional – 98 YouTube – 108
11 am Gathering – 48 YouTube – 25	11 am Gathering – 44 YouTube – 15
Sunday School – 18	Sunday School – 16

## 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**

**Silver Spring Presbyterian Church**

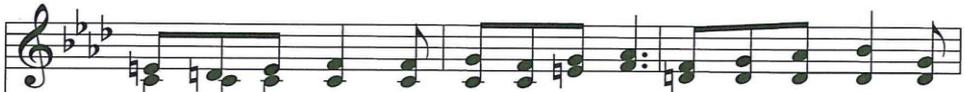
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# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



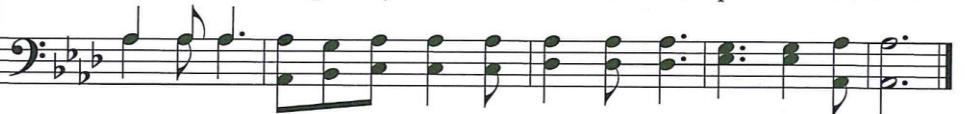
Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



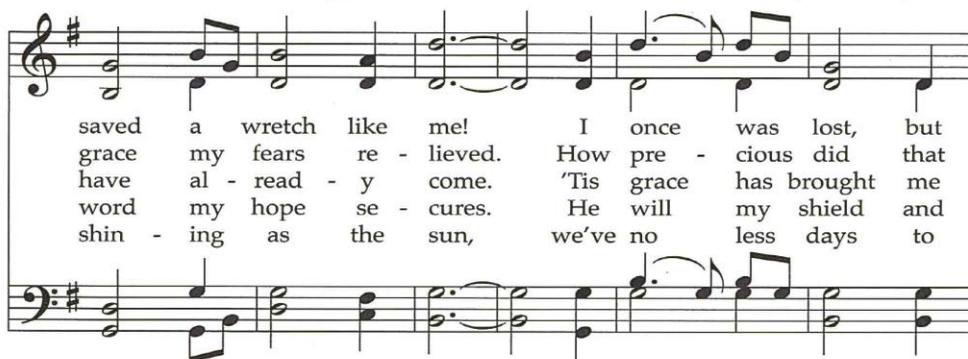
will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
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will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



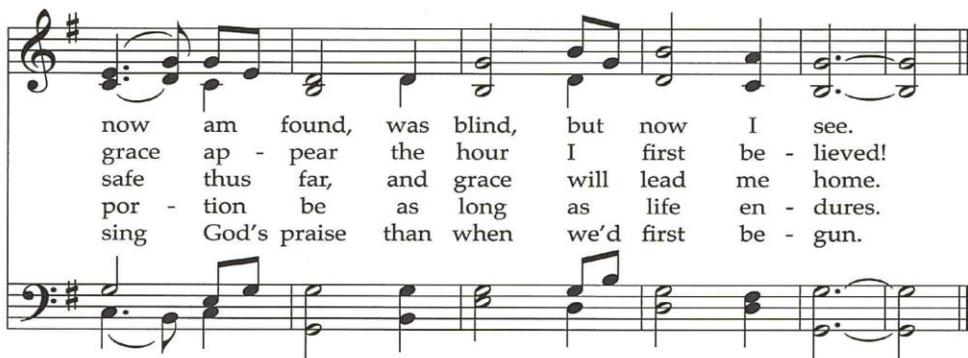
# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.