



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

(717) 766-0204 www.silverspring.org

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Austin Shoop

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

arr. Ivanchenko

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Davis

L: We worship Holy God, who created the heavens, who formed the earth and all that comes from it, and gives breath to all who walk upon the earth.

P: God calls us in righteousness. God has taken us by the hand, claimed and sealed us. God calls us beloved.

L: God calls us to be God's chosen servants, a light to all peoples and nations.

P: God has put his Spirit within us, to bring love and justice to all.

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

All: Let us worship God.

+*HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Bob Davis

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us a part of the church, the body of Christ. We confess we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill in us the promise of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. 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.
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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Davis

L: Hear the good news of the Gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, God says to each of us: “You are my beloved child.”

P: **We respond by singing songs of redemption!**

L: Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #286 “Breathe on me Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Bob Davis

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 29

Bob Davis

SECOND READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Chase

SERMON

“In the Waters”

Rev. Chase

ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”
Sanctuary Choir

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

*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 #65

[“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”](#)

*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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Johnson

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by B.J. Lopez
In memory of Carl “Sonny” Lopez and Mike Shipp

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: Dick Leeds and Diane Lupia Liturgist: Bob Davis

Deacon Servers: Judy La Pointe and Shannon Leary

Downtown Daily Bread January 16: Karen Karkuff and friend

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 11, 2026

Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Nancy Thomas who died last week. A memorial service is scheduled for April 25, 2026 at SSPC. Cards can be sent to her daughters (information below). Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to make a donation in honor of Nancy, the family requests the donations go towards the church grounds or cemetery fund (please specify your preference if making a donation - thank you).

Blood Pressure Sunday 10:00—10:45 am

Come to Room 201 to have your blood pressure checked this Sunday.

The Intergenerational Choir

We will practice next on Sunday, January 11th. See you then! All Sunday School children are invited to sing, along with parents and grandparents. Come and join us as we praise the Lord with song!

Adult Forum and Sunday School

The Adult forum and Sunday School begin again in the New Year at 10:10 am in Room 204. We continue our study of Rob Bell videos. This week's video is titled, "Bullhorn." Come and watch, to discuss and learn. This class is for adults 18 and over.

Youth Church

We will continue with the Dwell curriculum, studying about Jesus and the Bible, and will sing, do crafts and play games. This class is for children from 5 to 17! Parents and grandparents are invited to attend along with the children.

The Pre-K/K youth Church

PreK – K Youth Church is back in the swing of things in room 108, from 10:15 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. Each class will include singing, a lesson, and play time!

SSPC Handbell Choir

The SSPC Handbell Choir will rehearse this coming Wednesday, January 14, from 6–7:00 pm in Room 204. Please arrive a few minutes early if you can help with setup. Are you interested in ringing, or learning how to play the handbells? Contact Tracy Wieseman at tracy@silverspring.org for more information, or feel free to stop by our rehearsal to experience it firsthand.

Monday Bible Study - January 12th

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.

Dining Out Group - ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Please join SSPC Lunch Bunch/Dining Out Group for a combined potluck event at the Waugh Wilson Retreat Center on Thursday January 15th, 2026 at 5 pm. A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place. We are asking participants to bring a dish to share (vegetable, salad, beverage, rolls, appetizer, dessert). Main course provided. Please contact Chris Winning with any questions (717) 439-0521.

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin again on January 14, 2026, in the Parlor from 1-3 pm. The group will be studying Max Lucado's new book, "Taming Your Thoughts". This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Communion help needed

Through the monthly service of Communion we are reminded that we are one in body in Christ, united with believers across time and space. With this in mind, please volunteer to prepare Communion or serve Communion in 2026. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. If you have never done this and need help, indicate this when you sign up. Thank you, Kathryn Ressler and Teena Russell.

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.

Laundry Ministry Update

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue their ministry here at SSPC, the Laundry Ministry. We will be visiting several Morris laundromats over the Holiday to share the blessings from the congregation with as many patrons as possible, stay tuned for further updates.

Earth Care Did you know:

As much plastic as 3 sugar cubes is all it takes to kill an Atlantic puffin.

In case of inclement weather

Check our website at www.silverspring.org for updates on cancellations or schedule changes.

Storyboard Ministry

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry called the Storyboard Ministry! Here is how it works: The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place with Post-it notes and markers. Fill out a Post-it 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.

We continue to pray each week around the Storyboard, thanks to everyone who continues to add requests. If you see a request that you would like to take with you and pray for, feel free to do so. If you want to add one, please do as well. Our new box for answered prayers is now in place beside the Storyboard. Feel free to place any answered prayers that you are thankful for in the box. God does indeed answer prayers! Blessings.

Something fun to look forward to in the New Year!

Check out the story on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place this week! Short stories will be shared to spark curiosity, build connection, and provide a fun, delightful literary treat to look forward to. As the stories begin, we will invite you to share your own experiences – especially the funny, surprising, heartwarming, and bittersweet moments of being a member of a church. Stay tuned for more information!

Core this evening from 6 PM—8 PM We are continuing to work on Youth Sunday. Once we are done we will pray and play some games. God Bless you all!

2026 ROAR Winter Mission Trip

The ROAR Team will return to Tallahassee, Fla. to work with Big Bend Habitat For Humanity building homes for families who need a decent affordable place to live. The work week will be Monday, February 02 through Friday, February 06, 2026. If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at tsreed@verizon.net, 717-766-2714, or see me in church.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arbogasts, Roxanne Dagino, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Betsy Neilson, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Ada Sloane, Scott Vaughan

Prayers for sympathy:

Families of Lynne Jackson and Nancy Thomas, Roy McLain and his family for the death of his brother, Bruce

Prayers for our Military Members & First Responders:

Olivia Chase, Jacob Flenner, Wyatt La Pointe, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Chloe Scott

Sympathy

For Lynne Jackson, a memorial service is scheduled for January 31, 2026 at SSPC - 9:00 am Visitation and Service at 11:00.

For Nancy Thomas, cards can be sent to her two daughters at the following addresses. A memorial service is planned for April 25, 2026.

Susan Fickinger
3244 Old Lawley Toll Road
Calistoga, CA 94515

Jan Evans
214 Nicholas Court
Forest Hill, MD 21050

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

ATTENDANCE

December 28, 2025
11 am Lessons & Carols—107
YouTube—77

January 4, 2026
9 am Traditional—105 YouTube— 82
11 am Gathering—60 YouTube— 20
Sunday School—22

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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