Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME — Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

REFLECTION ON COMMITMENT: Loving and nurturing our church — Scott Pepperman

MUSIC FOR ADORATION "Air from Orchestral Suite 3" Bach, Wheeler
Brad Bumsted, trumpet

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Pat Ferris

L: Lift up your eyes to the Lord, enthroned in the Heavens!
P: We look to God, as the eyes of servants look to their master.
L: Praise God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being,
P: We praise the Lord, who gives us life!
L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Church of Scotland) — Pat Ferris

Mighty and merciful God, you give us life and love, skill and passion, time and treasure. In Jesus Christ, you call us to risk all to glorify your name, as he did. But we are afraid. We detest uncertainty, devalue our gifts, and delay using them for the work of your Kingdom. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our faith and restore our courage to live with whole-hearted devotion to you and the ministry to which Christ calls us all. In his 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 Pat Ferris

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.

ALL: Alleluia, amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #438

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 Pat Ferris

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	I Thessalonians 5:1-11	Pat Ferris
SECOND READING	Matthew 25:14-30	Rev. Dr. Wahlig
SERMON	"Financial Advice from God, Part 3: God's Expected Return on Investment"	Rev. Dr. Wahlig
ANTHEM	"A Clare Benediction" Sanctuary Choir	John Rutter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER — Austin Shoop

TITHES AND OFFERINGS — Austin Shoop

*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 #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*BENEDICTION — Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*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 "Catacomb solo, Pines of Rome" Respighi

Brad Bumsted, trumpet

**Please rise in body and/or spirit* *+Latecomers will be seated*

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The chancel flowers are given by Roy McLain, in loving memory of Mary Lou's birthday.

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: Dave and Diane Gray **Liturgist**: Pat Ferris

Deacon Servers: Tracy Katshir and Holly Lawrence

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Celebrating our Veterans
Today the Fellowship Committee will be at both services handing out stickers and American flags to each veteran. This is to make it easy to identify members of our congregation who are veterans so the congregation can thank them for their service and sacrifice.

During the Coffee Hour, there will be a revolving slide presentation in the Gathering Place featuring our veterans. Also enjoy some delicious cake with your coffee or tea. Please take the time to search out the veterans to thank them for protecting our country and way of life. May you have a safe and memorable Veterans Day this week.

Reformed Theology Class today at 10:10 am - Room 204
Join us for the conclusion of our 6-part seminar on "What Makes us Reformed Christians, and How Did We Get this Way?" Join Rev. Dr. Wahlig as we examine the direction of Reformed Theology in the Modern and Post-modern era of the past 200 years in America. What role does religious experience play in your faith? How does it compare to the roles of scripture, tradition, and reason? Why is this important for the future of SSPC, as well as the broader Christian Church? Bring your coffee and your reflections and we will see you there!

No Adult Forum and Sunday School this week.
We will support the Reformed Theology series led by Rev. Wahlig.

Sunday School for High School/Middle School Youth - Room 203 10:10 am
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.

Youth Church and Pre-K/K Youth Church today: Room 112 10:00 am
Sunday School is music, bible lessons, crafts, and lots of fun! Currently, we are studying the story of "Creation". Sunday School is for 3-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Parents, and grandparents are welcome!

The Intergenerational Choir
We gather in Room 112 to start Sunday School with music! Come and join us at 10 am, as we begin practice for our second performance of the year, an Advent special!

Meal with a Mission on Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Join us on November 18th for our next Meal with a Mission! Following a simple supper in the fellowship hall, we will be assembling emergency food boxes for New Hope. Look for the collection bins in the Gathering Place and near the Preschool. 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.

We ask that you please sign up ahead for the simple supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please register through Realm, or use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place.

HELP IS NEEDED for the following Meal with a Mission tasks:
Setting up tables and food items in the gym on Wednesday, November 18th at 2:00 pm. Delivering the food boxes to New Hope on Monday, November 23rd, meeting at the gym at 10:00 am. We will need 6 to 8 SUVs, trucks or vans. Please see sign up sheets for these opportunities in the Gathering Place, and thank you!!

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

Monday Afternoon Bible Study - November 16th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Room 204
We meet every first and third Monday of the month. We will cover the end of John 12 and 13 in our next session. If you need the Zoom link, contact Scott Pepperman.

Circle Rebekah – Thursday, November 12th
Bible Study from 1:00 – 2:00 in room 204. Food and fellowship is held prior in the Parlor between noon and 12:45, enjoy a dessert prepared this month by Claudia Brown. This year's Bible Study is "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. The lesson is "Freedom in Christ".

You may join remotely via phone or Zoom link; For information, contact Emily Krebs, 717-805-5778 or bekrebs@verizon.net.

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 – November 9th
Join us for dinner and fellowship 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.

Fall Work Day - Saturday, November 21, 8 am-Noon
The Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to pitch in for Fall Work Day. Most work activities are outdoors, but there are indoor options. Bring a rake and/or leaf blower if you have them, otherwise just come as you are for great exercise and fellowship. Coffee, donuts, and lunch will be provided to offset the exercise and increase the fellowship. This is a fantastic opportunity for members and friends of all ages to help prepare the church property for the Christmas season and coming winter. Thanks for YOUR support. Many hands make for a shorter workday.

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 22nd
The Mechanicsburg Council of Churches is holding its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 6 p.m. at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church 14 State Road, Mechanicsburg PA. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations to be distributed to our community through New Hope Ministries.

Save the Date for Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Baking – November 30th!
We will be baking cookies at the church in the morning, for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry. The cookies are always very appreciated by the truck drivers.

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.

CORE Youth
Today, Sunday, November 8th | CORE Meeting
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Details: Tonight we're kicking off a new sermon series on God's purpose for Friendship. We look forward to a great evening of connection, prayer, and games. Whether it's your 1st time or 500th time, all kids from 6th to 12 grade are welcome to join us Sunday nights from 5-7! CORE is where everybody is somebody. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Prayers of healing and comfort:
John Clegg, Ken Engle, Bob Gaffney, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Tony Kren, Judy LaPointe, Gil and Joyce Longwell, Pat Miller, Betsy Neilson, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner

Prayers for sympathy: Family of Lew Atkinson, Carol Cuthbertson and family, Harriet Shoop and family

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

John Clegg's address for cards:
509 Hickory Ridge Road, Newport, PA 17110

Thank You:
I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all of the congregation and staff at Silver Spring, who have given me cards, food, prayers and support during my recent hospital ordeal. It meant a lot to me and I really appreciate it. I'm now on the mend and hope to see you personally in the future.

Thank you very much
Tony Kren

ATTENDANCE

October 25	November 1
9 am Traditional – 105 YouTube – 77	9 am Traditional – 95 YouTube – 74
11 am Gathering – 45 YouTube – 43	11 am Gathering – 50 YouTube – 49
Christian Education – 45	Christian Education – 61

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
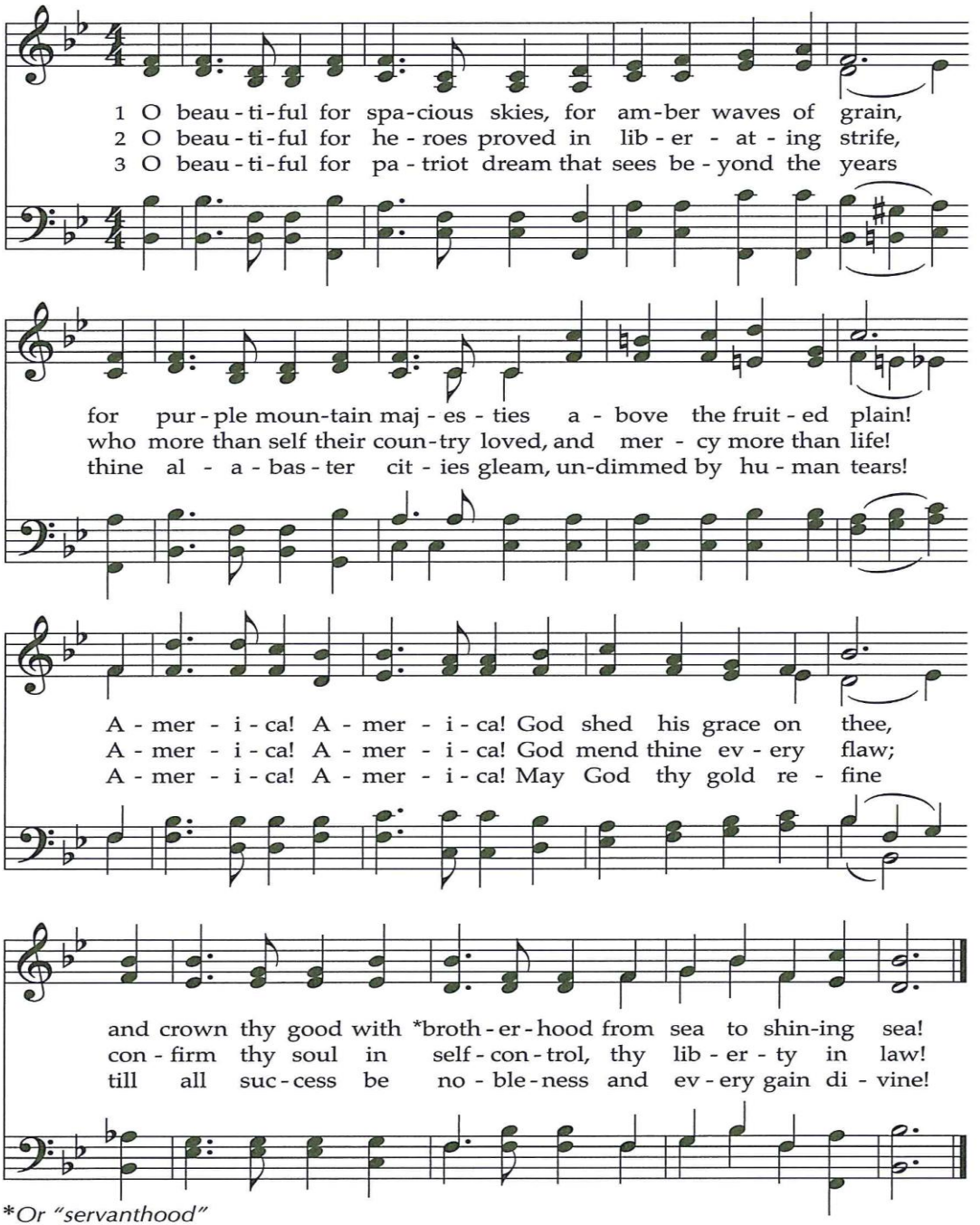
Nurture Relationships: Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

Steward God's gifts: Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts

Soli Deo Gloria

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*Or "servanthood"

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