



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

arr. Sewell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Wiggin

L: What is Jesus' first commandment?

P: That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

L: A second commandment is like it.

P: That we love our neighbor as ourself.

L: In the name of the living God who writes his law of love on our hearts,

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #63

"The Lord Is God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Barb Wiggin

Loving and Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you gave your very self for us so that we might have new life in him. He commands us to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. With hearts and minds misled by sin, we have failed to keep our Lord's Great Commandment. We are quick to embrace idols instead of you, and we would rather love ourselves than our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Once again, we pray, write your law of love on our hearts so that we might walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

Barb Wiggin

L: Even when we were dead through our trespasses, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive through Christ.

P: **Out of God’s great love for us, we have been saved by grace through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God!**

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

ALL: Alleluia, amen!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #435

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven. There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Barb Wiggin

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Leviticus 19:9-18

Barb Wiggin

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-40

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON

“Jesus’ Command, Love’s Demand”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

“Go in Love”
Sanctuary Choir

Don Besig

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 #366

["Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"](#)

*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

"Toccata"

Herbert

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

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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: John and Claudia Brown

Liturgist: Barb Wiggin

Deacon Servers: Rick Campomizzi and Shannon Leary

Downtown Daily Bread October 23rd: Jayson Wolfgang and friend

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

Fall Faire is October 24, 8 am - 1 pm!

- TODAY is the last day to drop off items, either between services or after church.
- Please sign up to help on the Volunteer Board in the Gathering Place!
- **PIES ARE NEEDED:** If you can bake a pie or two, please sign up on the board. Homemade is preferable, but store bought is okay too. Thank you!
- **Donations needed:** nice boutique-y items – lamps, embroidered pillows, Christmas items, white elephant items, toys, **children's** books, jewelry, new items for Silent auction, etc. **We are not taking small appliances, linens of any kind, books (except for children's books), and glassware. We are no longer accepting fine bone china of any pattern.** We will take decorative items or nice tools; If you are not sure, please check with Pastor Lisa (Lisa@silverspring.org) and email her photos.
- Bidding on the Silent Auction begins today and ends 12 noon on October 24th. The Silent Auction has been moved to the Parlor.
- We need folks to help clean up afterwards on Saturday, Oct. 24th, and folks with trucks and vans to take items to Community Aid.

****PLEASE LEND A HAND TODAY**, after the Gathering at noon, to help move tables into the rooms for FALL FAIRE. Let's all pitch in to help. Thank you!

Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Carole Cuthbertson for the death of John Cuthbertson, to the family of Lew Atkinson, and to the family of Gertrude Taylor who died this week. Please keep these families in your prayers. A memorial service for John Cuthbertson will be Saturday, Nov. 7th at 11 am in the Meeting House.

The Health Ministries Committee invites you to our continuing lecture series on Healthy Living TODAY at 10:10 am in Room 204. The lecture will be presented by our own Dr. Ken Harm. The title of the lecture is: "What lab tests and Preventative Health screenings should I have at my age?" We look forward to seeing you!

Spiritual Direction Small Group on Zoom – Keeping the Crazy's out of Christmas

Pastor Lisa has designed a spiritual direction small group, to begin Oct. 29th, and run for four consecutive weeks on Zoom (last class in person). The class will be held Thursday afternoons, 2-3:30 pm. This will be a very informative, special class, where a beautiful Christmas memory will be made. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or on Realm.

Sunday School for High School and Middle School Youth begins!

CE is pleased to announce the beginning of our High School/Middle School every Sunday morning. We will 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 am

We meet as a group to sing and then break up into separate groups for Sunday School. Sunday School is music, Bible lessons, crafts, and lots of fun! Sunday School is for 3-year-olds to 18-year-olds. Parents and grandparents are welcome!

Upcoming Christian Education opportunities – go to silverspring.org and click announcements for more details on each class:

- Men's Bible Study – Monday, October 26th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Room 204 & Zoom
- Monday Afternoon Bible Study – October 19th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Zoom only
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study – Every Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Parlor

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals begin: Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata have begun on Wednesdays, from approximately 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm. Please email Tracy at tracy@silverspring.org if you would like to be part of this.

IT IS BEAUTIFUL!! That is, the church campus. Please take notice to how nice the planting beds and shrubbery look. Thanks to a small team of volunteers, 70 plus shrubs were trimmed, weeds were pulled and a ten-foot trailer was filled to overflowing with branches from tree trimming. Multiple five-gallon buckets and 30-gallon containers were filled with weeds and trimmings. It is amazing how much was accomplished by a few people in two days' time. **A big thank you to all who helped out.**

BOO! CE is again holding the Annual Trunk-Or-Treat Spooktacular, Sunday, October 25th, from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will gather in the gym parking lot with decorated cars and vans and hand out candy to children and dog and cat treats for our animal lovers. We encourage all members of the congregation to come and join us, decorate your car and yourself! CE will provide all the candy you need! We are gladly accepting donations of candy; look for the decorated basket in the Gathering Place!

November Dining Out Opportunities

Join us for a meal and fellowship on these dates. All are welcome!

- Lunch Group on November 2nd at noon at the Pizza Grill in Camp Hill.
- Dining Out Group 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.

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.

New Hope Ministries: Needs for October include peanut butter, pasta sauce, and shampoo. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

CORE Youth - Join Us for the 55th Annual CROP Walk today!

There will be **No CORE this evening**, as we are heading out into the community to love and serve our neighbors together! We invite everyone to participate in the **55th Annual CROP Hunger Walk** at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. It's not too late to join us as we raise funds and awareness for local families in need!

Game Plan for today, Oct. 18th:

- **12:40 PM** – Meet in the Preschool Parking Lot to head over together
- **1:00 PM** – Registration at Memorial Park (1 Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg)
- **1:30 PM** – Team Pictures
- **2:00 PM** – Walk Begins!

Come out, walk with us, and help make a difference in fighting hunger right here in our community. All are welcome!

Earth Care: Seasonal tip

Change the filters on your furnace. This will make your furnace run more efficiently, thus saving fuel and money.

Save the Date for our next “Meal with a Mission,” November 18, 5:30 – 7 pm.

We will be packing emergency food boxes for New Hope Ministries.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

John Clegg, Roxanne Dagino, Ken Engle, Bob Gaffney, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Tony Kren, Gil and Joyce Longwell, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Pat Pierce, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Carole Cuthbertson and family; family of Gertrude Taylor; family of Lew Atkinson; Harriet Shoop and family; family of Ruth Stoll

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

Memorial Services at Silver Spring:

- A service for Ruth Stoll will be on Saturday, October 31st at 1 pm.
- A service for John Cuthbertson will be on Saturday, November 7th at 11 am.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, messages and offers of help as I recovered from surgery, but most of all I thank you for all your prayers and love which are the ultimate healers!! As a result, I'm feeling great!! Please know that I love and appreciate all of you. --Pat Pierce

Fall Faire Parking Instructions for All SSPC Members:

For all able-bodied SSPC members working and/or patronizing the Fall Faire, remote parking will be available at the Waugh-Wilson House, 404 Silver Spring Road. PLEASE NOTE, however, that, due to under-utilization the past several years, there will not be a shuttle service this year. If you are able, please park at Waugh-Wilson in the flat grassy area to the right as you enter the driveway. Please be sure to park perpendicular to Silver Spring Road and leave a wide center lane. As you walk to the church property, please stay safely away from Silver Spring Road. For SSPC members who must park on church property, please use ONLY the lower (north) lot behind the Meeting House, entering from and exiting to Presbyterian Drive. When driving on church property, PLEASE OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS, which are placed to maximize the safety of both members and patrons.

Following these simple rules will ensure plenty of convenient parking for patrons in areas where attendants will be on duty to direct them. Thank you for your cooperation!

ATTENDANCE

October 4	October 11
9 am Traditional – 121 YouTube – 88	9 am Traditional – 90 YouTube – 88
11 am Gathering – 65 YouTube – 22	11 am Gathering – 65 YouTube – 22
Christian Education – 57	Christian Education – 44

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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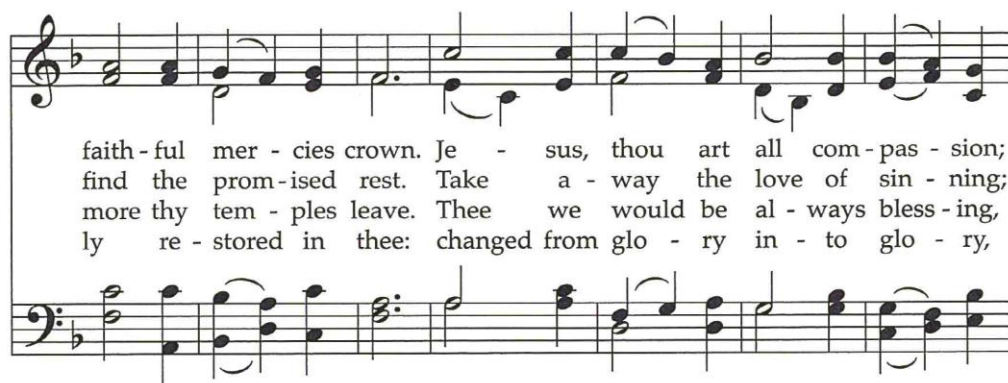
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
 3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
 O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
 O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
 to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.