



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

GREETING OUR SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERS

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Peacemaking Offering

B.J. Lopez

Per Capita

Mark McGaffin

+\* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Gray

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

P: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals in whom there is no help.

P: We put our trust in the Lord.

L: Let us follow the Lord and seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry and security for the widow, the orphan and the stranger.

P: The LORD is righteous!

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Gray

Righteous God of justice and compassion, through your son, you teach us to reach out to the least and the lost, but we would rather focus on the high and mighty. You call us to follow Jesus in lifting up the lowly and filling the empty with good things, but we are more inclined to increase our own wealth than to share it with those in need. Lord, forgive us. Reform our hearts and renew in us the compassion, justice and generosity that point the way to true life in Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

\*Hymn #551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

David Gray

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.

## +\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

David Gray

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. Chase

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

David Gray

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Don Wahlig

### SERMON

"Mammon, Part II: The Way of Redemption"

Rev. Wahlig

### ANTHEM

"Spirit Now Live in Me"  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Bock

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wahlig

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wahlig

### DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

### \*HYMN #711

"Lord of All Good"

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. 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

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit*

"Cornet Voluntary"

Travers

*+Latecomers will be seated*

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Nursery: Children age 3 and younger are invited to the Nursery, Rooms 101 and 102.

Two 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

We thank Elizabeth Anderson for being our guest organist today.

**Ushers:** Susan and Mike Evans    **Lay Liturgist:** David Gray

**Deacon Servers:** Heather McCarthy and Roxanne Dagino

**Downtown Daily Bread on September 30:** Jo Day and Mary Leo

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Bryan Corbin	Director of Youth Ministry
Dr. Kyle J. Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Music Associate
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Custodian

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

Soli Deo Gloria



**Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.**

**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

### **Sunday School this week**

We continue at 10 am in Rooms 201 and 202. The adults will do a Bible study in Room 201 and the children will do their Bible study in Room 202. All will gather in Room 202 to start, as we practice for the first 5 minutes with the Intergenerational Choir. Those who are not interested in singing may go to their Sunday School rooms, for class to begin at 10:05. This week we will be studying Proverbs 8:22–31, as we study the wisdom of the creation according to Scripture. Come and join us!

### **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 1**

The animals and other critters in our lives teach us about unconditional love, and they are important parts of our lives. They teach children about gentleness, responsibility and care. From the bowl of goldfish to the large dog, living life with one of God's creatures makes life richer in so many ways. Our cats, dogs, reptiles, horses, etc. are a blessing and provide much support to us.

To honor this special relationship, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church will hold a Drive-Thru Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 1, from 1 pm until 3 pm. Many Protestant and Catholic Churches hold Blessing of the Animals events to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. This will be held rain or shine.

Pastor Don and Pastor Lisa will be stationed by the front of the Gathering Place to greet the family (who will drive up to the prayer stations) and pray and bless the animal. Members will enter the church's grounds from Silver Spring Road and drive to the front of the Gathering Place, and after the blessing, exit onto Presbyterian Drive. We ask that the animal be on a leash and in a harness and we will pray for them by the owner's car, so that we can keep the animals away from each other. As one of our Confirmands Outreach projects, we also ask for donations of dog/cat food, and toys for donation to a local animal shelter. Thank you for participating!

### **Peacemaking Offering**

Peace is active, not passive; peace is doing, not waiting. **On October 2nd**, World Communion Sunday, we will be collecting the Peacemaking Offering to help bring about change in our world. The PCUSA will receive 50% of the offering to help promote peace and reconciliation across the globe. Our local Presbytery will receive 25% of the offering to help support peacemaking work in our local communities. The last 25% of the offering will be used by our church to support our sister church in South Africa, Newcastle Congregation to help them keep their vital soup kitchen in operation. Together we are building God's household of peace through this offering.

### **Fall Faire: Saturday, October 8, 2022, 8 am–2 pm**

**SIGN UP NOW to help!** There is a Sign-Up board in the Gathering Place. Help is needed the whole week leading up to the Faire as well as on October 8.

- **Donations:** Items can be brought to the church hallway now through Oct. 3. Please be sure your items are clean and in working order. No clothing, stuffed animals, large furniture, TVs, suitcases, car seats, computers, speakers, stereos, cribs, linens, DVD/VHS. But bring your other treasures! Please label boxes with the contents.
- **Scarecrow-making donations:** We will be making mini scarecrows in the Kids Section! Donations of toddler or small child jeans, overalls, plaid shirts, hats and plain pillow cases are needed. You can place them in the labeled box outside the chapel.
- **Fall Fair Marketplace:** We need donations of handmade items, art, stitchery and wood. Also, a Fall Pantry will be featured to sell your homemade jellies, jams and food gift items. Now is the time to make pre-packaged soups, small gift baskets of pantry items, spices, sauces, cookie mixes or roasted nuts. The Marketplace will also contain a Garden Mart where we will sell your donated potted perennials and fresh flower arrangements with donated cut flowers from your garden. All these items will be brought to the church on October 3-4.

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- **Book Sale:** Bring fiction and non-fiction books to the choir room; children's books will go to the Chapel. Please, no cookbooks, reference books, CDs, DVDs, records, VHS.
- **Christmas Corner:** Donate your Christmas decorations, ornaments, table toppers for this festive area.
- **Toys:** A complete Children's room in the Chapel will feature all your donated toys, game, books and play items. No stuffed animals please.
- **Food, food, food:** Soups, lunch food, sticky buns, apple dumplings, pies, baked goods will all be for sale.
- **Children's activities:** Hayride, games, activities and more!

### **Fall Faire Parking for ALL SSPC Members**

This year remote parking for the Fall Faire will again be at the Waugh-Wilson House, 404 Silver Spring Road. SSPC members who work at or visit the Fall Faire between 7:00 am and 12:30 pm are asked to use this remote parking site to free up parking for our visitors during the busy morning hours. The area for parking will be on the flat grassy area to the right as you enter the driveway. Please park perpendicular to Silver Spring Road and leave a wide center lane.

A shuttle will be running between the Fall Faire and remote parking site from 7:00 am-12:30 pm. By then, SSPC members who will rely on the shuttle should move their cars from the remote site to a church parking lot.

SSPC members with crafts/goodies for the Faire may drop them off at the church, and then proceed to the remote parking site. Please remember the road in front of the gym and Gathering Place will be one-way from the upper parking lot (closest to the Manse) to the lower parking lot (behind the Meeting House). Thank you!

### **Per Capita**

Please pay your per capita apportionment to free up church monies for other needs. The amount for 2022 is \$29.000 per member. If you do not have church envelopes, simply write Per Capita in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

**CE Bus Trip for David:** All the details are set for Thursday, October 6: Sight and Sound Theatre, The Story of DAVID, 11 am show...then a late lunch/early dinner at Millers Smorgasbord, then back to the church! \$155 per person takes care of everything! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place, or contact Scott Pepperman, 717-389-5100. The deadline has passed, but we can still take 2 more people, but hurry and contact Scott if interested. Note: Remember, payment is due as soon as possible if you have not already paid. Make your check payable to SSPC. An envelope is in the Gathering Place by the sign-up sheet, where you can deposit your checks or you can take them to the office. The bus will leave at 9:30 am promptly and return at approximately 6 pm. Any questions, contact Scott.

### **Membership badges now available**

Due to the demand from the congregation, a new drive for membership badges will begin this Sunday. The new badges will be larger, black print on white, with the first name most prominent. The cost for each badge is the same as before, \$6.00. Order the badges by emailing Scott Pepperman at [puppytrainer52@aol.com](mailto:puppytrainer52@aol.com), or calling him at 717-389-5100. Payment can be a check made out to SSPC. An envelope will be placed in the Gathering Place, along with a sign-up sheet if you prefer to sign up. We need the first and last name that you want displayed on the badge. Badges will be magnetic, but if you prefer or need the pin on type that can be made as well. Questions? Call or email Scott (see above). God called us by name at our birth, how nice to be able to call each other by name as well!

### **Help Needed for Refugees**

Church World Service is facilitating the resettlement of refugee families from around the world. The Presbytery of Carlisle is seeking volunteers to assist them with this resettlement. The primary need is for a small group of caring persons who will provide intentional friendships and who will visit on a regular basis. If you are interested in assisting, look for an information sheet on the table in the Gathering Place.

**ROAR At Home Week:** This fall we will again do a ROAR At Home week to help maintain the church campus and Retreat Center. We will meet in the Gathering Place each morning at 8:30 am from Monday, October 10—Saturday, October 15, 2022 to get work assignments for the day. There are a variety of projects that need attention on the church properties.

This is an opportunity for folks who cannot take a week away from home for mission projects to pitch in for a day or so to help maintain the church properties and save the church the cost of hiring contractors.

Please consider joining members and friends of the church for a day (or more) of sharing your time and talents to aid the church and people in the community. **If you are interested in being part of the ROAR At Home Team or need additional information please contact Terry Reed, 717-766-2714.**

#### **CORE Youth Ministry**

**September 25, 2022:** No CORE

**October 2, 2022:** CORE, 6-8 pm

**October 9, 2022:** CORE, 6-8 pm

#### **Crop Walk 2022: October 23rd at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg**

This is the fourth year the CORE Youth Ministry has been involved with Crop Hunger Walk. We invite everyone to help us put an end to hunger one step at a time. Please use this link to register as a walker and/or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/silver-spring-presbyterian-church>

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others organize local Walk events in their communities each year, while others join the National Walk and choose their own location and experience.

The registration time is 1:00 pm, with a 1:50 pm kick-off time.

#### **Pastoral Care Process Update**

It is important that our congregation knows our ministry teams are ready, able and willing to provide assistance, depending on what the need is. Since Barbara Shoun's retirement, Don and Lisa have worked to define and improve the pastoral care process that includes the deacons, the Health Ministry Team, Stephen Ministers and the pastors. The following information will be helpful if a member of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church finds him/herself in emotional, spiritual or physical need:

First, if there is a pastoral emergency, the quickest way to get in touch with Pastors Don and Lisa, is to call the church at (717) 766-0204. If the call goes into voicemail, the first message you will hear is one about pastoral emergencies. Please listen carefully, follow the process and leave a detailed message. The church's phone system is programmed to call their cell phones to relay the message. Also, one of the pastors is usually in the office during office hours and can be reached that way as well. One of the pastors will respond back to the call as soon as possible. In addition to addressing pastoral emergencies, the pastors are able to provide short-term pastoral counseling, until a referral to a trained counselor or support group can be made, if necessary.

If a member of the congregation needs any kind of health information – referral for a health facility, or information on a diagnosis or a procedure, the member is to call Priscilla who will take down the information and relay it to Pastor Lisa, who will then call the health ministry team volunteer on-call. This trained volunteer (a nurse or a physician) will then call back the member with the question and needing information and provide assistance that way. Please note that confidentiality is carefully observed.

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If a member is in need of support during a time of transition (e.g., someone is in the hospital, the birth of a child, a death of a family member), please call the church and let us know. The Deacons provide much outreach, and the issue may be one that a Deacon can also address.

Finally, our Stephen Ministers are trained and able to provide short-or-long term emotional support and compassionate care to members in emotional and spiritual need. Depending on the issue, there may be a referral to a bereavement or another type of support group or counseling.

It is important for our members to reach out and ask for help if it is needed. This is an important part of the church's community. We are here for one another!

*So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:5)*

### **New Hope Ministry - Needs for September**

This month's needs are pasta sauce, crackers of any kind, and peanut butter. All donations can be placed in the bins outside the Chapel. Thank you!

### **Next Dining Out Group**

Save the date for October 26th, 5:00 pm at the Pizza Grille, Camp Hill.

### **PRAYERS**

**Prayers of healing and comfort:** Rich Morelli, Margie Kutz, Elizabeth Bellis, Debbie Miller Bitting

**Prayers of sympathy:** Family of Ron Nisson

**Prayers for our military members:** Olivia Chase (Randall and Lisa Chase's daughter), Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe, Brandon Johnson

### **ATTENDANCE**

**September 11—Rally Day**  
11 am blended service—137

**September 18**  
9 am Traditional—111  
11 am Gathering—50  
YouTube—9 am-104, 11 am-27

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# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.  
 serv-ing thee whom we a - dore, serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;  
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,  
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;  
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,  
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,  
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.  
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.  
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.