



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

Outdoor Worship, 11:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost

Cheryl Moore

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“No Longer Slaves”  
Gathering Band

arr. Galbraith

+\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Bogar

L: Sing praise to God, lift up a song to him who rides on the clouds!

P: **Glory be to God, Lord of Heaven and Earth!**

L: The Lord has given us his Spirit.

P: **Glory be to Christ, who rules his father's Kingdom!**

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

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN #2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jim Bogar

**God of Grace and Mercy, the ascended Christ promised us the Holy Spirit and, in our baptism, we have received it. Led astray by sin and the noise of our world, however, we do not always listen for the Spirit's guidance, and we do not always follow its leading. Forgive us, we pray. Refocus our hearts and minds on your still, small voice within us so that we might keep Christ's commands more faithfully. We pray this in Jesus' name.**  
(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

KYRIE—HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jim Bogar

**L:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so has God removed our transgressions from us. I declare to you then, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P:** Amen! Thanks be to God!

**+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #288**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**+\* PASSING THE PEACE**

Jim Bogar

**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

Austin Shoop

FIRST READING

Psalm 93:1-5

Jim Bogar

SECOND READING

John 14:15-19, 25-27

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

"The Work of the Spirit, Part 5:  
The Advocacy of the Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

ANTHEM

"Love Come Down"  
Gathering Band

arr. Foster and Galbraith

## 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 #286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

\*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.**

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

*+Latecomers will be seated*



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:** Brynn Hipp, Morgan Lenk, and Evie Miller

**Liturgist:** Jim Bogar

**Deacon Servers:** Eleanor Resser and Deb Pfaff

**Downtown Daily Bread May 22nd:** Jo Day and Tracy Bryan

## “Love Come Down”

### [Chorus]

I will sing forever of Your love come down; With my hands to heaven, shout  
Your praises loud; I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out  
I will sing forever of Your love come down

### [Post-Chorus]

Oh-oh-oh-oh, oh-oh; Oh-oh-oh-oh, oh-oh

### [Verse 1]

I once was blind, I could not see, chains of sin had shackled me  
But God in heaven, heard my plea, and Jesus, Jesus rescued me  
Oh, Jesus, Jesus rescued me

### [Chorus]

I will sing forever of Your love come down; With my hands to heaven, shout  
Your praises loud; I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out  
I will sing forever of Your love come down

### [Post-Chorus]

Oh-oh-oh-oh, oh-oh; Oh-oh-oh-oh, oh-oh

### [Verse 2]

Now grace so sweet, it floods my soul, and hope eternal won't let go  
My debt erased, at Calvary, 'cause Jesus, Jesus rescued me  
Oh, Jesus, Jesus rescued me

## WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 17, 2026

### **Congregational Meeting today**

Session has called a Congregational Meeting **following our worship service today** for the purpose of electing incoming Elders and Deacons. Following the meeting we will enjoy a time of fellowship over ice cream and strawberries. Please join us!

### **Attention, Sanctuary Choir Members!**

There are no more Wednesday night rehearsals until end of August. We will meet at 8:20 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, and 8:30 am on Sunday, May 31 and June 7.

### **Calling all Musicians!**

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists for our Special Music this summer during our Traditional Worship Services. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the choir room. Please see Tracy if you have any questions, or you can email her at [tracy@silverspring.org](mailto:tracy@silverspring.org).

### **Vacation Bible School: August 3-7, 2026, 9:00 am to 12 noon**

Children will learn that our God IS an Awesome God!!! There will be snacks, music, crafts, Bible stories and FUN for the kids! We welcome children turning 3 (must be completely potty-trained), and older children entering PreK-5th grade in the fall.

As always, many hands make for light work. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Pastor Lisa or Scott Pepperman, co-chair of Christian Education. We need help with food, decorations, crafts, music, and of course teaching!

There is a \$25 registration fee per family for the whole week to help offset the cost. You can sign up your child for VBS through Realm, or use the paper forms in the Gathering Place. Please sign up by July 19. Space is limited to 50, so sign up early!

### **Monday Bible Study – May 18th**

All are invited to this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every second and fourth Monday of the month, in Room 204. We continue our in-depth study of the Gospel of John, by Pastor Skip Heitzig.

### **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!

**Men's Bible Study May 25th, 7 - 8:30 pm!** We meet in Room 204, and this study is open to all SSPC congregation men and friends, ages 18 and above. What does the Bible say about the role of men on earth and in life. How does this correspond to how we live and act in today's world? What questions do you have as men, what answers does the Bible provide? We will meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Questions? Contact Scott Pepperman at puppytrainer52@aol.com.

**New Hope Ministries:** Needs for MAY include: canned pasta, tuna, and apple sauce. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you for your support!

### **Dining Out Opportunities in May**

- Lunch on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 am at Red Lobster, 4711 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg.
- Dinner on Wednesday, May 27th at 5:30 pm at Outback Steakhouse, 3506 Capital City Mall Drive, Camp Hill.

All are invited! Please sign up at church or call Sara Derr at 717-763-5748.

### **Faith Walk Fellowship**

**Beginning on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>,** and every **nice-weathered** Friday after that, join Pastor Lisa at church for a "Faith Walk Fellowship" time, from 9:30 am. – 11am. While walking around our beautiful campus, we will pray for people on the prayer chain, listed in the bulletin, members of the congregation, and situations going on in the world. Please make sure you wear comfortable walking shoes and sunscreen! Lisa will meet you at 9:30 am on Fridays (no rainy days!) in the Gathering Place. No need to sign up!

### **Earth Care – Did you know?**

On average a piece of clothing is worn 7-10 times before being discarded. Fashion is responsible for 2-8% of global gas emissions and 20% of industrial water pollution.

**CORE Youth:** There will be Core tonight from 6PM-8PM. We will have a lesson, prayer, and time for games. I hope to see you out there :)

### **Laundry Ministry Update - Loads of love!**

Members of our youth CORE group visited the Morris Laundromat in Dillsburg recently, visiting with 20 patrons and handing out 10 laundry cards. The youth performed with the Holy Spirit as servant leaders. Our next outing will be to the Morris Laundromat in Enola. Thank you for your contributions and faith in our efforts. Blessings.

## **Storyboard Ministry**

The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place with Post-it notes and markers for your prayer requests (no names, please). Each Sunday we 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. 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 beside the Storyboard. Feel free to place any answered prayers that you are thankful for in the box. God does indeed answer prayers! Blessings.

## **Manna Project**

Over 15 years ago, SSPC began welcoming newcomers through the Manna Project. Each year, volunteers sign up to welcome visitors with a loaf of bread and to share information about SSPC along with what the church means to them. Many visitors have joined our church family because of a Manna Visit. Please consider participating in this project to welcome our new visitors. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. For any questions, please contact Shannon Leary.

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

Kris Carpinello and her parents, the Arbogasts, Carol Boyer, Gail Bumsted, Roxanne Dagino, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Pat Miller, Rich Morelli, Betsy Neilson, Deb Pfaff, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Jim and Harriet Shoop, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Chris Winning

**Prayers for sympathy:** Barb and Tim Wiggin and Jacob, Noah and Rachel; Family of Don Spangler; Pat Miller and family of Ken Miller; Susan Hudson and family of Curt Hudson

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

## **Thank You**

Many thanks to all who made last Sunday's reception in honor of my 10th anniversary such a moving and festive occasion. I was overwhelmed by your heartfelt appreciation. It was yet another confirmation of what a warm family of faith we are! Thanks again to you all.

-Don

## ATTENDANCE

May 3	May 10
9 am Traditional – 126    YouTube – 79	9 am Traditional – 167    YouTube – 66
11 am Gathering – 60    YouTube – 13	11 am Gathering – 42    YouTube – 21
Sunday School – 33	Sunday School – 15

## 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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