

*KYRIE—HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

Susie Reed

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

Susie Reed

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

Bryan Corbin

FIRST READING

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

Susie Reed

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-46

Rev. Wahlig

SERMON

“Parables of Jesus for Faithful Stewards, Part 4:
The Measure of the Faithful Steward”

Rev. Wahlig

OFFERING OF 2024 PLEDGES OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

ANTHEM

“Sing a Joyful Song”
Sanctuary Choir

Crocker

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Lisa Chase

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Chase

*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 #712 [“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”](#)

*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 “Variations on “Old 100th”

arr. Jordan

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



The chancel flowers are given by Don and Chris Winning for their anniversary.

The window flowers are given in loving memory of Vivian M. Swan,
wife of John Swan and mother of Christa Lenk.

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

Special thank you to Jon Heller for playing the bagpipes today.

Ushers: Terry and Mary Jane Jones

Deacon Servers: Shawn Marshall and Roxanne Dagino

Downtown Daily Bread volunteers for Nov. 3: Lisa Scherlinsky and Jean Smith

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: Adult Sunday morning Bible Study will be Deuteronomy 34:1–12. This week we arrive at the border of the new land towards which the people of Israel have been traveling since fleeing their enslaved lives in Egypt. We will also watch as Moses' life comes to an end. However, in the endings there are also new beginnings. God's story continues into the next era of God's creativity.

Sunday School for Children, Ages 4 to 18 in Room 202 at 10:10 am

Sunday School will begin with practice for the Intergenerational Choir. Sunday School starts at 10:10 am. We continue with our study of Seasons Online; the lesson this week is from Deuteronomy. Arts and crafts will follow each week. Parents are welcome to come with their children and share.

Intergenerational Choir

We gather in Room 202 at 10:00 am, and practice for 10 minutes as we prepare for our first presentation in the next several weeks. All are invited!

Reformation and Commitment Sunday

At the conclusion of the sermon in each service, Don will invite us to come forward to place our 2024 Stewardship Commitment Forms into the beautiful, hand-crafted wooden box designed specifically for this purpose. (Thank you, Flip Jones!)

The 2024 Financial Narrative document – which the Commitment, Legacy and Endowment (CLE) and Finance Committees worked with Session to produce to help communicate Silver Spring's current plans for 2024 and the anticipated resources required to achieve them – is available at this link - [2024 Financial Narrative](#). If you have yet to review it, please do so.

Many of you have already taken advantage of the opportunity to make the financial portion of your 2024 commitment online. However, your commitment of time and talent, which are also gifts from God that we are called to steward, and which you were also invited to consider making, can only be done via the paper form. The form also provides the means you to inform our Business Manager that you have made your 2024 financial commitment online. Additional forms will be available on Sunday.

What portion of your income, time and talent is God calling you to give? Please express your commitment to supporting Christ's work at Silver Spring in 2024 by carefully reading and prayerfully completing your 2024 commitment form, and bringing it with you to worship.

Continued

If you have already made your 2024 commitments, please come forward when Don calls us, and simply place your hand on the pledge box as your affirmation of your commitments, and the work we strive to do here at SSPC to love and serve God, our members, and our neighbors near and far.

Lunch Bunch - November 2nd

Join us for lunch at Luna Italian Cuisine at 11:30 am on November 2. Their location is 100 Legacy Park Drive, Mechanicsburg. For questions, please contact Arnita Hawkins.

Memorial Service for David LeRoy: There is a memorial service for David LeRoy, Nancy Kauhl's late husband, on Friday, November 3 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. All are invited. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Place following the service.

Fall Harvest Dinner at Waugh Wilson House – November 12th with History Tours

Your fun-loving Fellowship Committee is hosting a Fall Harvest Dinner for the congregation on Sunday November 12 from 4-6 pm. Dinner will be served from 4-5 pm, featuring pulled pork BBQ sandwiches and vegan BBQ sandwiches, plus several sides and dessert. At the fire-pit area, there will be a fire and marshmallows for S'mores. History tours of the building will be hosted in small groups throughout the evening. This is an indoor and outdoor event, weather permitting on the outdoor part. If it is nice, bring a lawn chair. A flashlight would also be handy to get back to your car.

Handicap parking will be available for several cars up by the WW House, all others will be parking below in the grass. There is no cost for the event, but a donation basket will be available. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place and reservations can be made on-line through Realm. Please sign-up by Wednesday, November 8. This is a great opportunity to tour the WW House and learn about its history and renovations.

Dining Out Group - November 15: The November gathering will be at Snappers, 120 E Allen St., Mechanicsburg, on Wednesday, November 15th at 5:30. If you wish to attend, sign up in the Gathering Place or call, text, or email Bob Davis at 717-805-5251 or bobdavis110@gmail.com. We hope you will join us!

The Angel Tree will be unveiled on Friday, November 17, with five schools participating. All gifts are due to the church BEFORE Dec. 10. Thank you, Claudia Brown and Deacons

New Hope Ministries : New Hope needs canned yams / sweet potatoes. Other canned vegetables are also appreciated. Please have your donation to the New Hope bin outside the Chapel by October 29. Thank you for your support!

Creche Exhibit at SSPC during Advent

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Manger Scene/Creche Exhibit. We will display these beautiful scenes in the windowsills in the Meeting House, Chapel, and other places depending on the number of creches (manger scenes) that we receive.

You are invited to bring your manger scene to church any time between Sunday, November 12 through Sunday, November 26th. Please make sure the manger scene is in a box, with your name on it, along with any special instructions and deliver to Pastor Lisa's office. She will place a label under each scene, along with the family's name, and any description by each exhibit. These will be up through Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, and then you may retrieve your scene after Christmas.

Save these dates!

- Voices of the Valley Concert - Friday, December 1, 7:00 pm
- Advent Feast and Festival - Sunday, December 3rd: The Annual Advent Feast and Festival is coming! Enjoy a complete ham dinner, with all the sides, no cost.
- Christmas Cantata Sunday - December 10, 11:00 am
- Live Nativity - Sunday, December 17, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Breakfast - Sunday, December 24th at 9:00 am, in the gym, preceding Christmas Eve Morning service at 11:00 am. Come enjoy a full breakfast, presented by the CE and Core Youth. Looking forward to seeing everyone; again, no cost!

Support the SSPC Youth - Shop at Giant!

A reminder that each month, the Youth sell gift cards for Giant Food Stores. Five percent of every dollar goes to our Youth Ministry. If you shop at the Giant sign up and receive a gift card at the end of each month. You can use them just like cash or a credit card and help our Youth.

CORE Youth Group

October 29, 2023: No CORE

Earth Care—What to do with leaves [Hint #3]

If your community doesn't have municipal composting, you can compost the leaves yourself. This is the most labor-intensive option, but the most satisfying. Compost bins can be made or bought and the basics of composting are simple to learn. By next spring, you'll have a bin of compost to feed your flowers/veggies. You can practice at the church's composter or join in the fun of work day on November 18.

October 2023 ROAR Team Report

Your SSPC ROAR Team returned to Cairo West Virginia from Saturday, September 30 through Friday, October 06, 2023, to work with churches in and near Cairo that needed help with deferred maintenance on their church buildings. Twenty-two members and friends of the church were busy with various tasks throughout the week. We started the week with worship at Huges River Presbyterian Church, visiting project sites and a wonderful evening of food and fellowship at the Ritter's home.

Monday through Thursday found various ROAR Team groups working on six local churches of various denominations. The Teams power washed buildings, demolished a shed, rebuilt a shed including new doors and hardware, cleaned the interior of sanctuaries and wiped down pews with Murphy's oil soap, scraped paint, painted, repaired soffits, removed old plumbing piping, built a wall for a storage room, installed new flooring, built new steps, re-decked a ramp, installed metal siding, removed an old exterior door and installed a new door in its place, and repaired a picnic shelter and installed new rain gutters on same.

We stayed at the North Bend Lodge and ate breakfast, lunch and dinner together at Kay's restaurant in Cairo. Cairo is a pretty area but lacks choices for dining out, but no one went hungry. It was a good week that assisted the local congregations, all of which are struggling with low membership and the ability to maintain their sanctuaries. It was also an opportunity for fellowship within the Team and to reunite with friends made during past mission trips to the Cairo area. The Team is grateful for the support and prayers of the congregation while we were away. Please take a minute to look at the pictures posted in the Gathering Space that highlight the week's work.

Prayers of healing and comfort: Roy and Mary Lou McLain, Paul Burkhart, Elizabeth Bentzel, Elizabeth Bellis, Vera Brechbiel, Rich Morelli, Debbie Bitting, Deb Pfaff, Pam Murray, Betsy Eichelberger, Sheri Miller, Pat Miller, Margie Kutz

Prayers for our military members: Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

ATTENDANCE

October 15

9 am Traditional—86 YouTube—107
11am Gathering—40 YouTube—27
Sunday School—6

October 22

9 am Traditional—115 YouTube— 94
11am Gathering—53 YouTube— 29
Sunday School—24

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

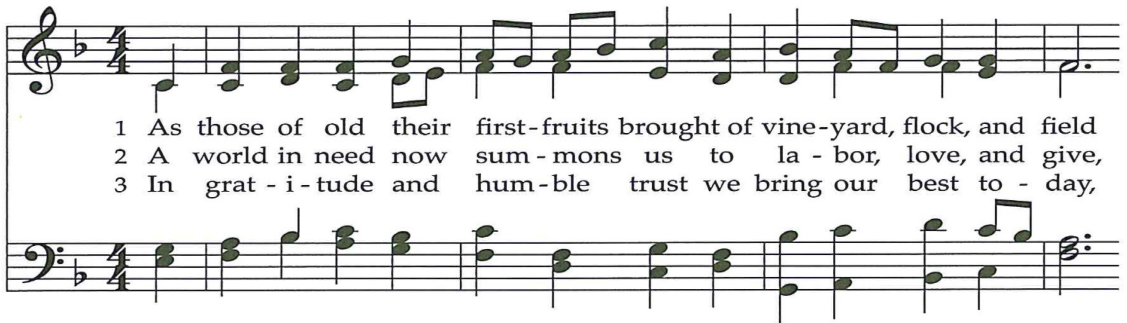
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

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. There we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

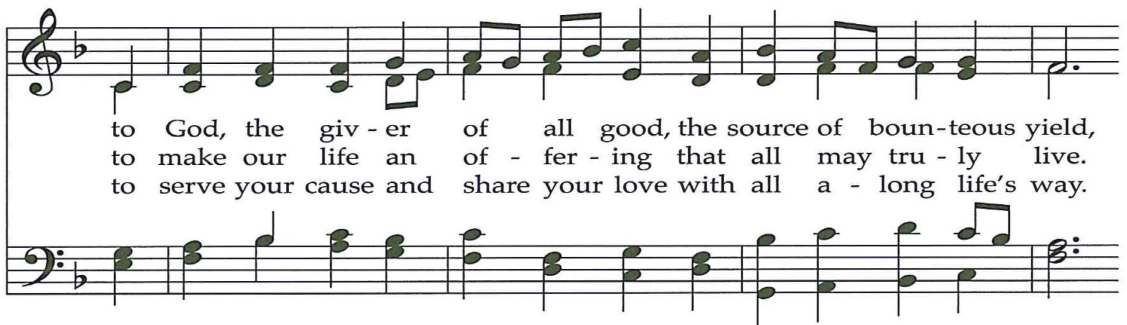
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

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.

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



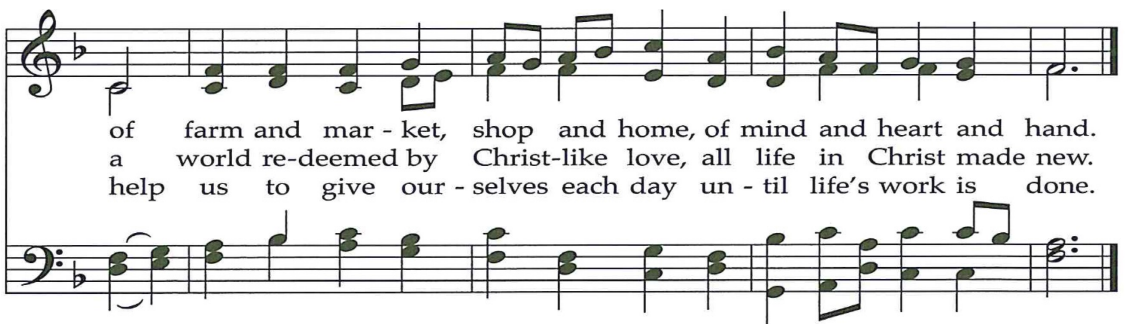
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
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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

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