

## Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE** 

Kremser (We Gather Together), Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck SSPC Brass Ensemble arr. Bob Walters

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Intrade (from Six Pieces)" SSPC Brass Ensemble

Johann Pezel

+\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Jane Voigt

L: We gather here to worship Christ, eternal Son of God.

P: We honor Christ, God incarnate and Lord of heaven and earth.

L: We praise Christ, ruler of all.

P: We praise Christ with our whole lives.

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN #268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Mary Jane Voigt

God of Grace, you brought forth all creation for the love of Christ, but we have rebelled and refused our created purpose. We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We serve the idols of wealth and power and fail to serve our neighbors as Christ calls us to do. Forgive us, we pray. Reshape our hearts and conform our will to your will so that our lives might honor Christ as Lord of love and King of all that is. 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. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mary Jane Voigt

- L: Friends, what will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus?
- P: Neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- L: What, then, can we say?
- P: If God is for us, who can be against us?
- L: It is God who justifies. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- P: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

#### +\*RESPONSE TO PARDON #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

#### +\* PASSING THE PEACE

Mary Jane Voigt

- 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. Dr. Don Wahlig
FIRST READING Psalm 46 Mary Jane Voigt

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20 Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON "Christ, King of All that Is" Rev. Dr. Wahlig

\*NICENE CREED

ANTHEM "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Wilson

Sanctuary Choir

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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.

## <u>SENDING IN THE SPIRIT</u>

\*HYMN #700

"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

\*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 Fanfare (from "Orfeo"), Claudio Monteverdi SSPC Brass Ensemble (Canadian Brass Publications) arr. Stephen McNeff

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit

+Latecomers will be seated

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The chancel flowers are given by Dale and Linda Darkes in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversay.

Window flowers are given by Judy La Pointe, dedicated to Wyatt, Kailee, and Willa La Pointe in honor of Willa's Baptism on November 29th.

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: Ashley and Kate Ringquist and Lin Pomeroy Liturgist: Mary Jane Voigt

Deacon Servers: Susan Evans and Matthew Wieseman

Downtown Daily Bread November 28<sup>th</sup>: Jonathan and Carol Service

#### WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025

**Angel Tree:** Please select a tag or two today. The suggested gift amount this year is \$50, and gifts must be returned to the church (wrapped, with the angel-shaped tag affixed) no later than Sunday December 14th, 12 noon. Thank you in advance for your support! Please email Heather McCarthy with any questions, hjd.gmb@gmail.com, or call 817-789-3381.

**Sympathy:** Some members of our congregation may remember Rev. Lois Richwine. Lois entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, November 16 with her faithful husband, Jim, by her side. A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, December 27 at 11 a.m. at the Cocklin Funeral Home, 30 North Chestnut Street, Dillsburg. A visitation will be held at the funeral home prior to the service, from 10 to 11 a.m. If you wish to send a note of to Jim, his address is: 370 Chestnut Grove Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019

**Adult Forum and Sunday School this week, 10 am:** We will continue the Rob Bell series. The lesson this week is called "Sunday". This class is for all adults. Come, learn, and discuss.

**Youth Church, Room 112:** Join us downstairs for music, a Christian Education lesson, crafts and games. This class is for children from 1st grade and up.

**Preschool Sunday School, Room 112:** We will begin in Room 112 and then move across the hall. This class is for children below 1st grade.

West Shore's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - November 23rd, 6 pm This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving service is at **Trindle Spring Lutheran Church**, 14 State Road in Mechanicsburg.

#### Hanging of the Greens - November 29th

Please join in to decorate the Meeting House, Chapel and Church grounds on Saturday, November 29th at 9 am in preparation of the Advent Season. We will need help with decorating trees, hanging the greens and wreaths, placing poinsettias in the Meeting House and the Chapel, etc. Families are welcome. Wear your garden gloves and bring a small cutting tool. Thank you in advance from the Worship Committee.

#### Monday Afternoon Bible Study - November 24th

All are invited as we meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We continue with a video and Bible study from Pastor Louie Giglio, titled, "Winning the Battle of Your Mind". Come and learn, come and discuss. This class is for adults from 18 to 99!

#### Help needed for cookie baking - NEW DATE - Monday, December 1

The Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry cookie bake at SSPC will be on Monday, December 1st at 8:00 am. Contact Roy McLain at 717-421-2065 if you are able to help.

**Cookies—Calling all Bakers!** Can you show your appreciation for the Choir by baking? Donations of cookies, brownies, fudge, cupcakes, and mini muffins etc. are needed for the Choir Christmas Cantata Recognition on December 14th in the Gym as part of the Advent Feast and Festival. There is a baking sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Come out and celebrate the season!

#### Advent Events for your calendar:

#### Service of Gratitude and Hope—Tuesday, December 2nd, 7 pm

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig and Silver Spring Stephen Ministers will lead a worship service of **Gratitude and Hope.** We hope that you will plan to attend this spiritual service, and begin this beautiful season filling your heart with light, gratitude, hope, and love.

Parent Drop Off - Saturday, December 6th, from 3 pm to 6 pm, at SSPC. We welcome any children from 4 to 10 years old (younger if potty trained). We will have Advent crafts, pizza and chicken nuggets, and a Christmas movie. Parents, drop off your children and enjoy some time to shop, dine or relax! Please RSVP to Scott Pepperman, 717-389-5100.

Voices of the Valley Concert, Dec. 7th: Voices of the Valley is returning to SSPC with a concert on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 pm. The Choir includes SSPC's own Jim & Carol Anderson, Ken Harm and Lucy Vaughan. The Concert is free and open to the public. Join us for Home for the Holidays.... Carols old and new celebrating the joys of the season!

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 14th: Join us for one service at 10:00 am to enjoy this year's Christmas Cantata. Stay for our Advent Feast and Festival.

Advent Feast and Festival - Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the Cantata CE will again sponsor this, along with the Fellowship Committee. We will have a special recognition of our Choir. We will have a traditional ham dinner, and special music provided by our own sister duet, Amanda and Sydney Bevenour.

<u>Christmas Eve</u>: Children & Families Service at 5:00 pm, Traditional Candlelight Service at 7 pm, both in the Meeting House. Enjoy the Live Nativity between the services at 6 pm. <u>Annual Christmas Breakfast</u> - CE will again hold the Annual Christmas Breakfast, prior to our single service, on Sunday, December 28th, at 9:30 am, in the gym. Come and enjoy a full breakfast before church of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and more.

#### **NEW! Silver Spring Presbyterian Church Care Communities**

The newly established Care Community is a network of support within our neighborhoods designed to provide care during both challenging and joyful times. Each "neighborhood" has an assigned captain(s) who will serve as the key point of contact for coordinating responses to various needs. SSPC members are asked to please contact the ministers with emergencies (such as death of an immediate family member, or serious illness) by calling the church office (717) 766-0204 during normal business hours. After hours, the pastors can be reached by dialing the main number and waiting for the prompt for the pastoral emergency line. The Care Communities will help us to live out the values of compassionate community, ensuring that no one has to face tough times alone. It also allows us to celebrate milestones and achievements as a united church. If you would like to know who your care captain(s) are, please reach out to Carol Anderson at cjacv@comcast.net and Pastor Lisa at lisa@silverspring.org.

#### Something fun to look forward to in the New Year!

Watch for something new and fun appearing on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place this January! Short stories will be shared to spark curiosity, build connection, and provide a fun, delightful literary treat to look forward to. As the stories begin, we will invite you to share your own experiences — especially the funny, surprising, heartwarming, and bittersweet moments of being a member of a church. Stay tuned for more information.

#### **CORE Youth Group**

**Core this evening from 6 PM—8 PM** We will be talking about Gideon the cowardly Judge, and how God can do mighty things with small armies and cowardly leaders.

#### Shop early for Christmas gifts now! Discount cards to support the SSPC YOUTH

The SSPC Youth are continuing our effort to raise additional funds for our Christian Education programs. Here's how it works: the Discount Cards feature savings from 15 local and national programs, like restaurants, family fun centers and service organizations. The cards are usable until January 31, 2026, and can be used over and over. Each card costs \$15. This is how the SSPC youth can give back to our congregation. Just reach out to me at puppytrainer52@aol.com or call me at 717-389-5100 to request a card or cards. Then make out a check for SSPC and drop it off at the office or give it to me. They are great to use or give as gifts. For each card we sell, the SSPC Christian Education program will make \$10, and we hope to sell another 100 cards in 2025. As always, the CE Youth appreciate your support of our efforts and your prayers.

Mark your calendars for our Women's Tea on Saturday, May 2nd from 11 am to 2 pm. Set up will be done on Friday, May 1. Please reach out to Pastor Lisa and Linda Adams If you were interested in being a hostess! Last year's hostesses will be contacted as well.

#### Earth Care: 3 Ways to help lower heating costs during the winter months:

- 1. Use draft stoppers to reduce heat loss through doors.
- 2. Fill gaps around windows which let heat out and cool air in during colder months. These may cause a spike in your heating bill. Feel around for window cracks. Use caulking to fill the openings.
- 3. Invest in thermal curtains. These curtains look just like regular curtains but they are insulated to keep cold air out in winter and cool air in in summer. They come in many sizes and can be most attractive.

**Meal with a Mission:** Many thanks to all who participated in donating / packing food for the emergency food boxes. Together, we packed 91 boxes, far surpassing our goal. Thank you! We still need drivers to deliver the food boxes to New Hope Ministries on Tuesday 11/25 at 9:30 AM.

#### **2026 ROAR Winter Mission Trip**

The ROAR Team will return to Tallahassee, Fla. to work with Big Bend Habitat For Humanity building homes for families who need a decent affordable place to live. The work week will be Monday, February 02 through Friday, February 06, 2026. If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at tsreed@verizon.net, 717-766-2714, or see me in church.

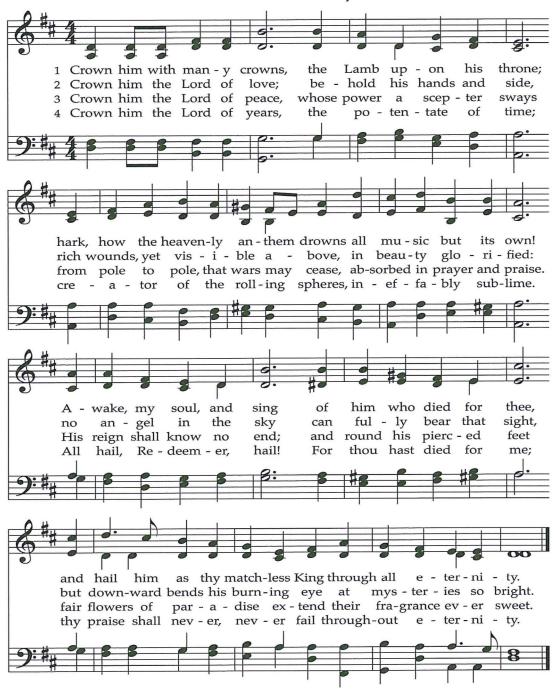
**Prayers of healing and comfort:** Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arborgasts, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Bob Buyers, Betsy Eichelberger, Mary Glace, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Pat Langdon, Jan Larson, Roy McLain, Pat Miller, Don Spangler, Nancy Thomas.

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

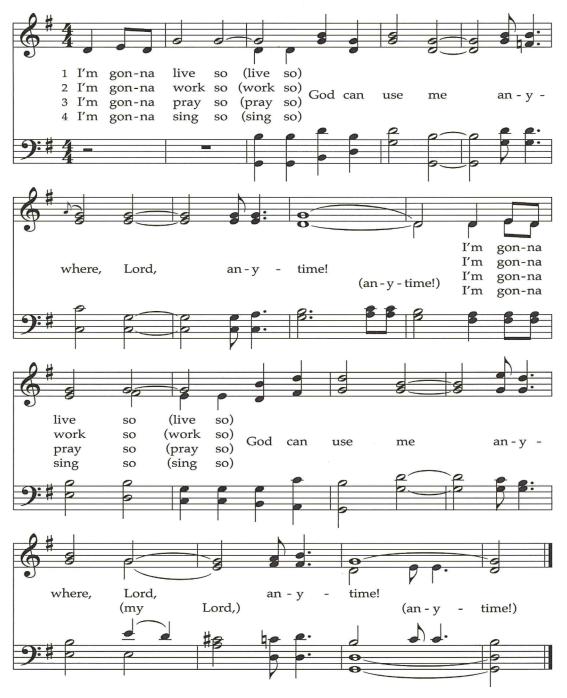
#### Thank You

Thank you to the many caring SSPC families for cards, calls and prayers pertaining to the loss of my step-sister, Jane Tritt. Jane, her twin and I have a close relationship dating back to our childhood. You warm my heart. "Jill" Handshew

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## 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



#### **ATTENDANCE**

#### November 16 November 9

9 am Traditional—130 YouTube-44 9 am Traditional—115 YouTube-84 11 am Gathering—62 YouTube-31 11 am Gathering-54 YouTube-13 Sunday School-9

Sunday School-40

#### 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 Preschool Director **Emily Cocores** 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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