



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

(717) 766-0204 www.silverspring.org

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Vieux Noel”

Franck

+*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Ashley, Kayla and Crew Dierich

L: Keep watch for the Messiah is coming!

P: **We hope for the righteous branch of David.**

L: He will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

P: **Our hope is in the Lord. From death, the Lord brings life.**

L: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #95

[“Prepare the Way of the Lord”](#)

We will sing this four times, the last time as a round. 1st time, all together, 2nd time, right-hand side, 3rd time, left-hand side, 4th time, all together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Wayne Hawk

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. Forgive us, Lord, for our thoughts, words and actions that don't honor and glorify you. Forgive us for how we turn away from those needs you bring across our paths. As we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child and the coming of the Lord, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name. 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

Wayne Hawk

L: Beloved community, in your baptism, you were bathed in light and water, and clothed in grace.

P: We live through the power of the Lord Jesus, who has forgiven us. Let us now live in harmony and peace!

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #88

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. Refrain

O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Wayne Hawk

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

Romans 13:11-14

Wayne Hawk

SECOND READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Chase

SERMON

“The Time Between”

Rev. Chase

ANTHEM

“The Holy City”
Charlotte Condliffe, trumpet

Adams, arr. DeCesare

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 #82

["Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"](#)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chase

*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

"The Thankful Heart Rejoices"

Smith

**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: Mike and Susan Evans

Liturgist: Wayne Hawk

Deacon Servers: Megan Crompton and Sarah Neville

Downtown Daily Bread December 5th: Jo Day and Mindy Ortenzio

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Angel Tree

All tags have been taken—thank you! The suggested gift amount 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 for your support ! Please email Heather McCarthy with any questions, hjd.gmb@gmail.com, or call 817-789-3381.

Adult Forum and Sunday School today, 10 am

We will continue the Rob Bell series. 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.

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.

Advent at SSPC: Please join us!

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, followed by a traditional ham dinner, and special music provided by Amanda and Sydney Bevenour. Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Christmas Eve: 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.

Annual Christmas Breakfast - 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.

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.

Poinsettia Dedications: The Christmas poinsettia order forms are available in the Gathering Place. Please return the form to the box in the Gathering Place by December 14th. The names of dedication will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21st. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.

From the Worship Committee

Feel moved by something in worship, perhaps an element of praise that glorifies God in a particularly poignant way? The Book of Order tells us that applause is appropriate so long as it is understood to be our reflection and amplification of the praise being offered to God. As with everything we do in worship, applause and the occasional “amen” (which means “Truly!”) are directed not to any of us, but to God and God alone.

Wednesday Bible Study meets again on December 3

We meet every Wednesday in the Parlor, 1pm—3 pm. The group is studying a new book called "The Book of Signs" by Dr. David Jeremiah. This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study - December 8

All are invited as we meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. We will be studying Max Lucado's video “Because of Bethlehem.” Come and learn, come and discuss. This class is for adults from 18 to 99!

Dining Out Group - December 11

Join us for dinner at 5:30 on Thursday, December 11, at Gilligan's Bar and Grill, 5002 Carlisle Pike (at the corner of Sporting Hill Road). Please sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Joan Bretz at jbretz1@earthlink.net or 717-657-3645 by Monday, December 8.

There is no Blood Pressure Sunday in December. We will resume in January. For any questions, please call the office for the Health Ministry member on call.

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 bitter-sweet moments of being a member of a church. Stay tuned for more information.

CORE Youth Group: There is no Core this evening.

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. 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.

Meal with a Mission Thank You and Soup is Available!

Great news! Your generous contributions of food for New Hope Ministry amounted to 2,285 pounds. That is double last year's total. Many thanks to all who participated! There are still quarts of ham and bean soup leftover in the freezer in the gym kitchen, for \$8/quart.

Earth Care—For this Thanksgiving week:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. **Give thanks for all things this Thanksgiving week.**

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, Linda Darkes, 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

Special Anniversary

Dale and Linda Darkes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 29th. We wish them a very Happy Anniversary!

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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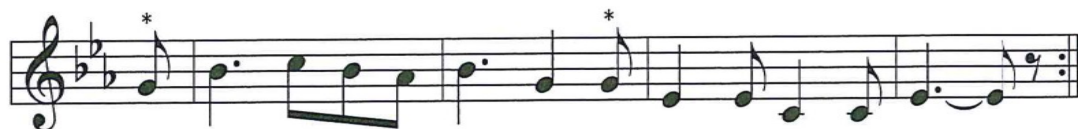
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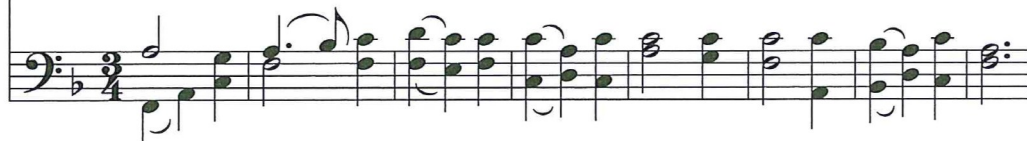


and all peo- ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for-ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



ATTENDANCE

November 16

9 am Traditional—130 YouTube—44
11 am Gathering—62 YouTube—31
Sunday School—40

November 23

9 am Traditional—109 YouTube—80
11 am Gathering—45 YouTube—19
Sunday School—26

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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