

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 28, 2025

Lessons and Carols, 1 1:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
“Low, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

SSPC Brass Ensemble

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Coventry Carol”

SSPC Brass Ensemble

+* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lilly Taylor

L: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be for all people.

**P: Unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.**

L: Arise, shine; for our light has come, the glory of the Lord
has risen upon us.

P: Nations shall come to his light, and kings to the brightness of his rising.

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

P: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #144

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lilly Taylor

Gracious God, in Christ you chose to become one of us, a helpless infant in a manger, who was Immanuel, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Open our eyes and hearts to the light of your love reflected in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers. In humility, guide us to reflect your love to all. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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

Lilly Taylor

L: Hear the good news of the Gospel. The mercy of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #132

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

+* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lilly Taylor

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Austin Shoop

HYMN #97

[“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”](#)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

HYMN #115

[“Away in a Manger”](#)

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Lilly Taylor

HYMN #123

[“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” vv. 1-4](#)

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Austin Shoop

HYMN #145

[“What Child Is This?”](#)

FIFTH LESSON	Matthew 2:13-16	Rev. Dr. Wahlig
HYMN #140	<u>“Once in Royal David’s City”</u>	
SIXTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Lilly Taylor
HYMN #133	<u>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</u>	
SEVENTH LESSON	John 3:16	Austin Shoop
ANTHEM	“The Work of Christmas” Members of the Sanctuary Choir	Dan Forrest
PRAYERS AND THE LORDS PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Wahlig
TITHES AND OFFERING		
<p>*Doxology, Hymnal #606 “Doxology” 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.</p>		
*HYMN # 134	<u>“Joy to the World”</u>	
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Wahlig
<p>*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.</p>		
POSTLUDE	“Good Christian Men Rejoice” “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”	SSPC Brass Ensemble

**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

Usher: BJ Lopez, Carol and Jim Bogar **Lay Liturgist:** Lilly Taylor

Deacon Servers: Holly Lawrence and Melanie Pepperman

Downtown Daily Bread volunteers for January 2: Jean Smith and BJ Lopez

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 28, 2025

Church Office Schedule for New Year's

The church office will close at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31st, and will be closed on New Year's Day. The office will reopen on Friday, January 2nd at 8:00 am. We wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Lynne Jackson who died this past week. Please keep her son and daughter and their families in your prayers. Their names and addresses are below if you wish to send a card. A memorial service is planned for January 31, 2026 at SSPC at 11:00 am with a time of visitation at 9:00 am.

Debbie Lawrence and family
194 Ridgewood Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Carl Jackson and Family
237 Wood Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

We will resume Sunday School for children and adults on January 4th.

End-of-the-Year Announcement from your Business Manager, Diane Rabold

Contributions: According to IRS regulations, any contributions that you would like to be credited in 2025 must be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2025. A

quick option is to contribute online via the church website link: <https://onrealm.org/silverspring/-/form/give/now> Or if you would like to mail your contribution, the postmark must be no later than December 31, 2025.

Requisitions: Any invoices, reimbursements, or charges that should be expensed to the 2025 Operating budget must be submitted along with an approved requisition no later than Monday, December 29, 2025. For any purchases made on the church credit card in December, please list which year should be used for the expense (2025 or 2026).

Volunteers for Communion Needed

Through the monthly service of Communion we are reminded that we are one in body in Christ, united with believers across time and space. With this in mind, please volunteer to prepare Communion or serve Communion in 2026. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. If you have never done this and need help, indicate this when you sign up. Thank you, Kathryn Ressler and Teena Russell

CORE Youth

There is no Core this week 12-28-2025! Have a Happy New Year!!

Monday Afternoon Bible Study - January 12th

All are invited, come and join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm, every other week. In January we will begin an in-depth study of the Gospels. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Wednesday Bible Study meets again in January

Our Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin again in January 2026, in the Parlor from 1-3 pm. The group will be studying Max Lucado's new book, "Taming Your Thoughts". This class is for adults from 19 to 99. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Thank You from New Hope Ministries

SSPC donated close to 3,000 pounds of food for those in need in our local community. This included the food donations for "A Meal With a Mission." Thank you so much for your generosity and compassion!

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. As a reminder, a ROAR Team is not a specific group of people. ROAR Teams are made up of volunteers who are available at a specific time to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need to build, rebuild, or renovate homes. Building skills are not necessary, only willing hands and feet.

The work week will be Monday, February 02 through Friday, February 06, 2026. I need to know how many people will be on the Team as soon as possible so hotel reservations can be completed. If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at tsreed@verizon.net, by phone at 717-766-2714, or see Terry at church.

Earth Care

PEACE on earth starts with those closest to you. Ponder this and practice this. Blessings.

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!

Young Adults Christian Education Group, the Pathfinders!

CE and young leaders from SSPC started a new group for young adults over 18. Watch for new events being planned! For more information, please contact Ty Headley. The group is currently studying from the Book of Acts.

Laundry Ministry Update

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue their new ministry here at SSPC, the **Laundry Ministry**. We will be visiting several Morris laundromats over the Holiday to share the blessings from the congregation with as many patrons as possible - stay tuned for further updates.

Storyboard Ministry

The SSPC Youth started a new ministry called the **Storyboard Ministry!** Whatever is on your heart, put it on the storyboard in the Gathering Place 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 now in place beside the Storyboard. Feel free to place any answered prayers that you are thankful for in the box. God does indeed answer prayers! Blessings.**

Prayers of healing and comfort: Kris Carpinello's parents, the Arborgasts, Roxanne Dagino, Margaret Glockner, Ron Kutz, Phil Mercatili, Betsy Neilson, Kathy Rutledge, Chris Sebring, Ada Sloane, Scott Vaughan, Don Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Family of Lynne Jackson, Roy McLain and his family for the death of his brother, Bruce

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



ATTENDANCE

December 14

10 am Cantata—167 YouTube—255

December 21

9 am Traditional—133 YouTube—65
11am Gathering—62 YouTube—18
Sunday School— 16

In the Bleak Midwinter

144



1 In the bleak mid-win - ter, frost - y wind made moan;
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there;
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;




snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid-win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;




‡ in the bleak mid-win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 ‡ wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

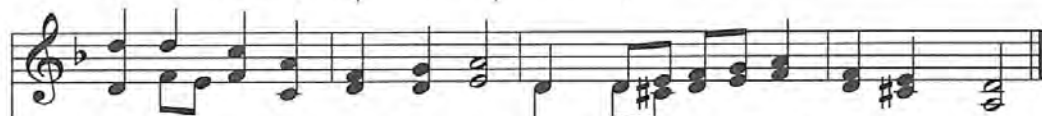


Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.


 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.


 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.


 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.




The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,




the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.


123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear




1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

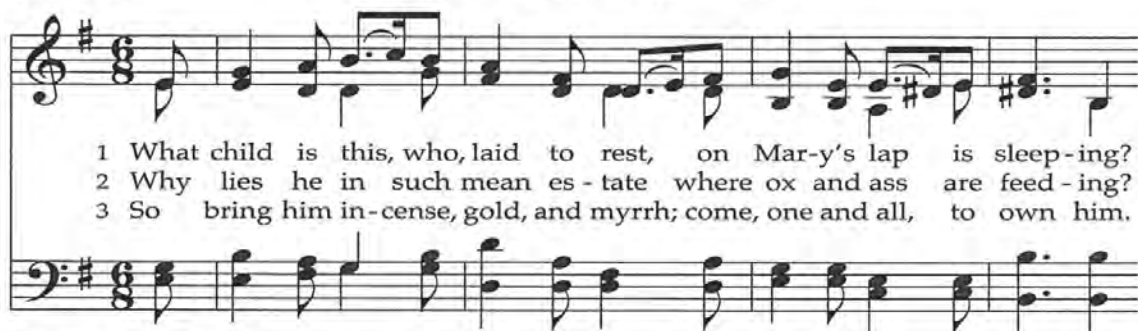


"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

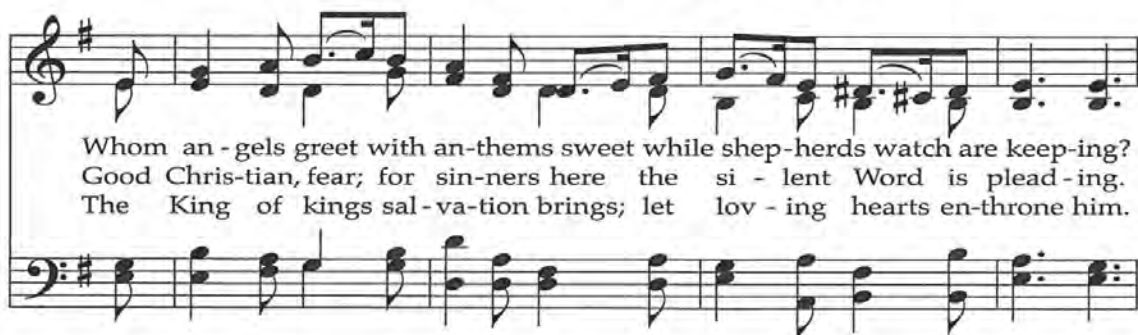


the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

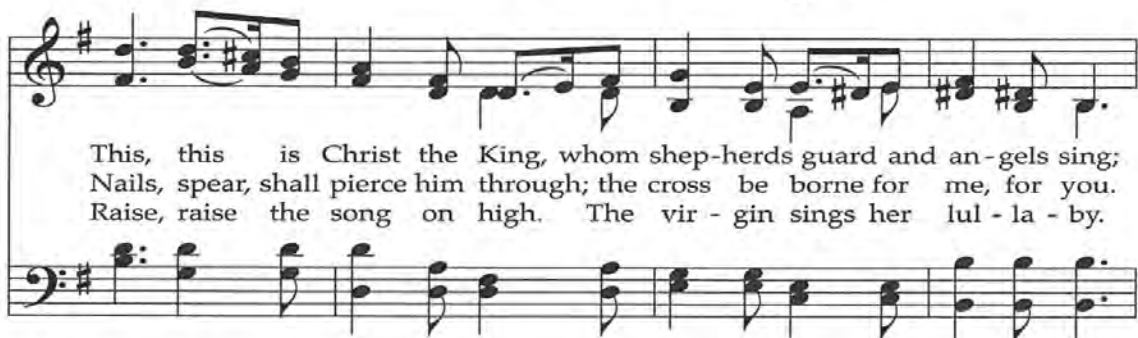
What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

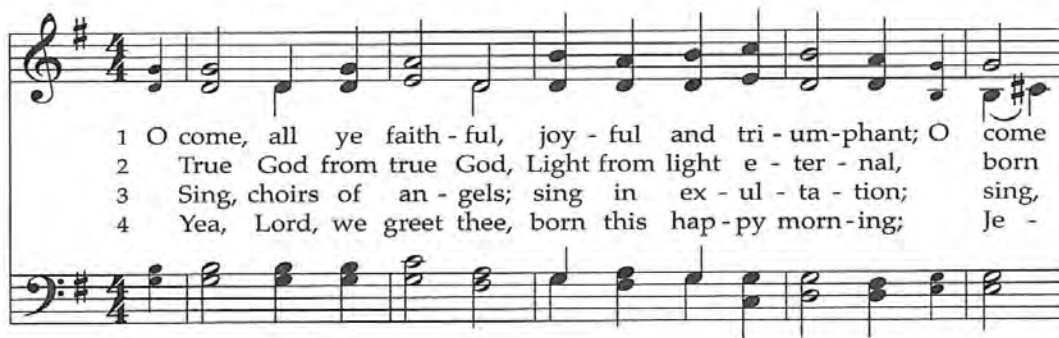
cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

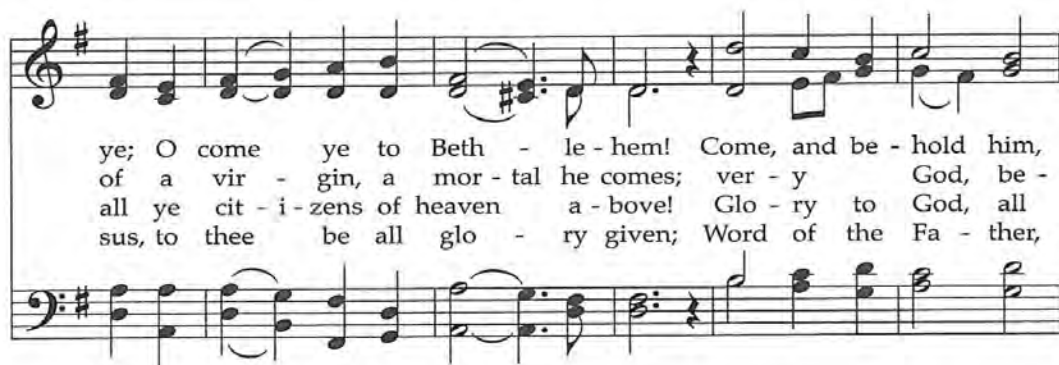
mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

133



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain



born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

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earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
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 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;



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 in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
 but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

CHURCH STAFF

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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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