



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

Outdoor Service, 11:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Austin Shoop

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

"Rise Up (Lazarus)"

Hulse, Cain, and Schwartz
arr. Galbraith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Pepperman

L: Whom do you say Jesus is?

P: **Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah of God!**

L: How do we know this?

P: **We have experienced the living Christ, and our lives are not the same!**

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

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Redman, arr. Galbraith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Scott Pepperman

Gracious and Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you came among us so that we might experience and trust the life-giving power of your saving love. We confess him Lord and Savior with our lips, but we do not always witness to him faithfully with our lives. With hearts and minds weighed down by sin, we are slow to trust the power of your revelation in Jesus. In the face of the world's pain and injustice, we are timid when we should be bold. We hold back in fear, when we should go forth in love. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our trust in you, so that we might live as Christ's faithful witnesses in all that we say and do. We pray this in his Jesus' holy name.
(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**

Scott Pepperman

L: Even when we were dead through our sins, 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 #59

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness!

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Scott Pepperman

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Scott Pepperman, Heather McCarthy

FIRST READING

I Peter 2:2-8a

Scott Pepperman

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

“The Spirit of Life”

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Truth I’m Standing On” Crawford, West, and Pruis
Mandy Bevenour and Tracy Wieseman

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 #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

*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



WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

We thank Tracy Wieseman for being our accompanist today.

Ushers: Forrest and Linda Adams

Liturgist: Scott Pepperman

Deacon Servers: Megan Crompton

Downtown Daily Bread August 28th: John Swan and Christa Lenk

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 23, 2026

The Many Voices, One Song Worship Service will be held on Sunday, August 30, 4 pm at Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle. This event unites over 40 congregations for worship, communion, a Unity Choir (including some of Silver Spring's members), and a post-service picnic. Rev. Cecelia "Cece" Armstrong, Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the PC (USA), will be the guest preacher. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship and connect with other congregations in the Carlisle Presbytery. We hope to see you there!

Fall Faire is October 24! Please note the following important information:

The Volunteer Board will be up Sunday, August 30th. There will be many opportunities to help out the week of Fall Faire, and perhaps the week before. The bulk of the event's set up will start Sunday afternoon, October 18th, and we will work all that week to prepare the areas for the big day on Saturday, October 24th. We will need volunteers to help out with serving lunch and clean-up after the event.

We will accept donations beginning Sunday, August 30th AFTER the Gathering Service, until 2 pm. To help accommodate staff schedules, please reach out to us to indicate other days during the week, when you would like to drop things. Please call the office to check on John's availability to help bring things in from your car.

Donations needed: nice boutique-y items – lamps, embroidered pillows, Christmas items, white elephant items, toys, new items for Silent auction, etc. We are not taking small appliances, books, or glassware anymore, but if you have a beautiful set of bone china, tools, or decorative items you want to donate, we will take those. If you are not sure, let Lisa Chase know what you have, and she will take it to the planning committee. Thank you!

Calling All Choir Members and Musicians!

Our Wednesday rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 2, in the choir room.

- Handbell Choir: 6:00–7:00 p.m. (on select Wednesdays throughout the year)
- Sanctuary Choir: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining either the Sanctuary Choir or the Handbell Choir, please contact Tracy Wieseman at tracy@silverspring.org. We welcome new members and would love to have you join us as we begin another season of music ministry!

Monday Bible Study – September 14th: Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm, every first and third Mondays of the month, in Room 204. We continue our in-depth study of the Gospel of John, by Pastor Skip Heitzig.

Wednesday Bible Study will reconvene in the fall.

Men's Bible Study - MONDAY, August 31st

We meet in Room 204, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, AND online via Zoom. If you need the link, contact Scott! For the next session we will explore the topic of "2 Thessalonians 3:10, If anyone will not work, neither shall they eat". This class is for all SSPC congregation men and friends, ages 18 and above.

Dining Out Group - August 26th

Join us for dinner at the Camp Hill Diner, 3608 Market Street (Carlisle Pike), on Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30 pm. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. Questions? Contact Jim Shoop at 717-761-7606. All are invited!

Wine Tasting Group - September 19th

Join us on Saturday September 19th at Jim Worden & Joyce Shirley's house at 2139 Arbor Court, Mechanicsburg. Please bring a dish to share and the cost of the wines will be split at the end of the evening among those who tried them. It will begin at 6:30 pm. Please respond to Jim at pontiac416@gmail.com or sign up in the Gathering Place.

CORE Youth

Parents and youth, you are warmly invited to join us for our Core Annual Calendar Meeting this Sunday, August 23rd, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM!

Come help us plan and look ahead to an exciting year. Immediately following the calendar session, our Core Youth Group will gather for an awesome evening filled with:

** A relevant lesson **Time in prayer **Fun games & connection

It's going to be a great night to connect, plan, and grow together. We can't wait to see you there—come on out!

Core End of Summer Pool Party!

Celebrate the end of summer with us! Core is hosting a pool party this Saturday, August 29th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the home of the Jansons - 6103 Stephens Crossing Mechanicsburg PA 17050. We will be catering Chick-fil-A for everyone! Please RSVP to Austin via email or text by Thursday, August 27th so we can get an accurate headcount for food. We hope to see you there!

New Hope Ministries

Needs for **August** include: pancake mix, pancake syrup and canned vegetables. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

Earth Care

Good News!! Peanut butter jars and other PET1 plastics CAN be recycled. Read <https://reader.pn.pennlive.com/2026/08/17/a-quick-scrape-is-all-your-peanut-butter-jar-needs-before-recycling/content.html>

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A huge, heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event. Your incredible energy and generosity pushed us far past our goal of 20,000 meals — we packed an amazing 26,568 meals! That's enough to provide seventy-two children with a meal every single day for an entire year.

ROARING in New Bern, North Carolina

New Bern is a seven-to-eight-hour drive from Mechanicsburg. The ROAR trip work week will be from Monday, October 05 through Friday, October 09, 2026. If you are interested in being a part of this ROAR Team or need additional information, please contact Terry Reed: tsreed@verizon.net or 717-766-2714.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Carol Boyer, Roxanne Dagino, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Angie Katzenstein, Ron Kutz, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Ruth Stoll, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Mike Kazor and family; Sylvia Morelli and family

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

Thank You

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers, as they have certainly contributed to my recovery. I am truly blessed. Carol Bogar.

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

(sing twice)
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name (Blessed be
Your name)

You give and take away
You give and take away (Oh, blessed be
Your name)
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

(sing twice)
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

ATTENDANCE

August 9	August 16
9 am Traditional – 113 YouTube – 90	9 am Traditional – 128 YouTube – 97
11 am Gathering – 50 YouTube – 40	11 am Gathering – 54 YouTube – 42
Christian Education – 21	Christian Education – 10

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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