



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Austin Shoop

MUSIC FOR ADORATION "He Keeps Me Singing"

Luther B. Bridgers, arr. Eddie Lewis

Brass duet: Brad Bumsted, trumpet and John Zimmerman, euphonium

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Henderson

L: Give thanks to God, for God is good. The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

P: **The Lord leads us on straight paths, covering us with love and mercy.**

L: Let us thank God for God's great love—for the Lord's wonderful works among humankind. God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: In the name of the Triune God, come, let us adore and worship the Lord!

+*HYMN #13

["The Mighty God with Power Speaks"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Kathy Henderson

Holy God, you invite us to walk the narrow path and to live as humble servants. Yet too often, we are drawn to position and prestige—eager to be noticed, appreciated, and to find ourselves in the "right place" at the "right time." Speak to our hearts, that we might trust You in every season. Be with us along each path we take and provide for our every need. Teach us the balance between humility and healthy self-esteem — a way of living that honors both our worth and the needs of others. Help us to follow Your call, to hear Your whisper, and to feel Your abiding love. In the name of Christ, we pray. (*Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession*)

*HYMN # 551

“Kyrie”

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

Kathy Henderson

L: Nothing will ever separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus, whose great sacrifice on the cross redeems us. Friends, believe in the Good News! Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

P: **Halleluiah, Thanks be to God!**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Kathy Henderson

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

Scott Pepperman

READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Kathy Henderson

SERMON

“The Power of Prayer,
Part 2: Answered Prayers”

Rev. Lisa Chase

SPECIAL MUSIC

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Philip B. Bliss, Horatio G. Spafford, arranged by Eddie Lewis

Brass duet: Brad Bumsted, trumpet and John Zimmerman, euphonium

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

...and for all who call on his name, in every language, across every land.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Hymn #530 “One Bread One Body”

CLOSING PRAYER

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

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 #175

[“Seek Ye First”](#)

*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

“Festal March in C”

Calkin

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

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The chancel flowers are given by Laura and John Shoop
in honor of Laura’s father, William J Murray.

The window flowers are given by Arlene Edmunds
in memory of family members and her parents.

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: Carol and Jim Bogar

Lay Liturgist: Kathy Henderson

Deacon Servers: Christa Lenk and Charlie Dagino

Downtown Daily Bread on August 8th: Dennis and Jenny Bell

SSPC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 3, 2025

New Adult Forum and Sunday school TODAY, Room 204 from 10:10-10:50 am

Join us today for our new study from author and speaker, Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham. This five-part lesson is titled, "Running with Jesus" and will involve an in-depth study of the Bible. We will read and study scripture about how to unburden ourselves to be able to run more freely with Jesus. This class is for adults from 19 to 99, come and learn, come and discuss!

Youth Church and Preschool Sunday School will return in September!

End-Of-Summer Picnic, Sunday, August 31st

Your Fun-Loving Fellowship Committee is hosting an End-of-Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 31st, (Labor Day weekend) after the single combined outdoor service at 11 am.

We will be serving beef bbq sandwiches, vegan bbq sandwiches and cheese dogs, plus all the typical picnic sides. You can dine indoors in the Gym or outside with your folding chairs. Trays will be provided. There is no cost, but donation baskets will be available. Please sign-up by August 27, in the Gathering Place sign-up book or sign up through Realm. Enjoy some social time together, as we savor the last days of summer.

Wine Tasting Interest Group, August 10th

We are holding our next event at Mike and Nancy Gawlas' home on Sunday, August 10 from 4:00 -7:00. Their address is 612 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg, 17055. It will be outside and is sure to be a wonderful time. As usual, please bring an appetizer or something sweet to share. If you're interested in being put on the contact list for this group, please email Jenny Bell at belljen000@gmail.com or sign up in the Gathering Place. Please RSVP by August 4 if you're interested in attending.

Monday Bible Study, August 11th

All are invited to join this unique study. We meet 1 pm to 3 pm every other week. We continue a study of Revelation as we watch sessions by Rev. Gary Hamrick, from Leesburg, Virginia. Come discuss and learn. This class is for adults from 18 to 99!

Lunch Bunch Group - August 14th

The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 am on Thursday August 14 at Chef de Crepe, 2017 Market Street, Camp Hill. Parking is limited. If necessary, park in West Shore Baptist parking lot. Sign up at the church or call Dale or Linda Darkes at (717) 791-0266.

Dining Out Group - August 20th

Join us on Wednesday, August 20th at 5:30 pm at Thea's Restaurant, 1303 Saxton Way, Mechanicsburg 17055. To reserve your spot, please sign up in the Gathering Place or contact Angie Katzenstein, 386-846-8500.

Young Adults/Families Groups Pool Party!

All young adults and young families are invited to join us on Sunday, August 31st at 2:30 pm at Mike and Nancy Gawlas's house (612 South Market St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055) for a fun afternoon of fellowship, swimming and yard games! This event is hosted by the Pathfinders group and the Gawlas's. Food/drinks will be provided but you can also BYOB! Please RSVP to Ty Headley, Sarah Neville or sspcpathfinders@gmail.com before August 27th.

Storyboard Ministry!

The Youth have an easel in the Gathering Place, along with Post-it notes and markers. Fill out a Post-it note with a prayer request or hope (no names, please) and each Sunday we will collect the requests and pray for them at our CORE meetings. Whatever is on your heart, put it on the storyboard and we will pray for each request.

Laundry Ministry from SSPC Youth!

The SSPC Youth and CORE members continue to collect for their **Laundry Ministry**. A large container has been placed in the Gathering Place. We are asking the congregation to put a quarter in every time you pass by. When we get about \$25 or more in quarters, the youth will take them to a local laundromat and give them to patrons as outreach and sharing our love for each other and our community. We appreciate the congregation's support of our efforts and your prayers!

We traveled to Morris Laundromat on Saturday morning, July 19th and reached out to six different patrons. We offered a laundry card and handed out free laundry pods. We were able to greet them and tell them who we represented. We met with great support to keep up the ministry. One patron used to work with Community Aid and knew who we represented and was very complimentary of the effort, the youth and SSPC. Thanks to Rev. Lisa Chase, Morgan Lenk, Kate Hall, and Ally (Morgan's friend) for accompanying me, we will go back when we gather more quarters. Blessings!

Young Families Christian Education Group

We are meeting one Sunday a month with young families for lunch and discussion. We are planning one or more events this summer featuring earth care, food, fun and fellowship built for our young families. All interested families can contact Scott Pepperman at puppytrainer52@aol.com or 717-389-5100 for more information.

Update: We are holding a "Meet and Greet" with our new Youth Director, Austin Shoop, today from 4:30—6:00 PM in the Gathering Place. Please let Pastor Lisa Chase know if you can attend this special and important event!

New Hope Ministry

Needs for the month of AUGUST include: pasta sauce, peanut butter, and shampoo. Donation bins are located by the Chapel.

Earth Care

The fresh, smooth feeling after using exfoliating scrubs may feel great, but many of them contain microbeads, which are smaller than a grain of sand and finer than a human hair. These tiny plastic particles slip through water treatment systems, polluting rivers and oceans. They harm marine life and make their way into the food chain.

CORE Youth Group

CORE will meet today, August 3rd, after our "Meet and Greet with Austin Shoop." We will gather this week at 6 pm, at the CORE room and after a prayer and program of the word, we will perform some service in one of the church gardens. Come dressed to get dirty! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

CORE is from 6 pm to 8 pm in the CORE room, downstairs at the church in the Preschool on most Sundays. CORE is open to all youth from sixth grade to twelfth grade. CORE is about fellowship, service and Christian Education. Come and join us at our next meeting!

Manna Project

Over 17 years ago, SSPC began to welcome newcomers through the Manna Project. Each year, volunteers sign up to welcome visitors with a loaf of bread and to share information about SSPC along with what the church means to them. Many visitors have joined our church family because of a Manna Visit. Please consider participating in this project to welcome our new visitors. There is a new sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. For any questions, please contact Shannon Leary at shanlear17@gmail.com.

Prayers of healing and comfort: Scott Pepperman's sister, Lori Jean McBride, Kris Carpinello's mother, Diane Arborgast, Ruth Stoll, Ted and Cindy Cramer, Roy McLain, Curt Hudson, Jan Larson, Ron Ferris, Pat Langdon, Bob Buyers, Betsy Eichelberger, Forrest Adams, Nancy Thomas, Margaret Glockner, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Ron Kutz

Prayers of sympathy: Grace Russell

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

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(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Descant

Seek Ye First

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,
you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and knock, all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
that the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

ATTENDANCE

July 20

9 am Traditional— 100 YouTube— 74
11 am Gathering— 60 YouTube— 24
Sunday School— 9

July 27

9 am Traditional—103 YouTube— 72
11 am Gathering— 54 YouTube— 28
Sunday School— 10

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Dr. Kyle J. Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Music Associate
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Austin Shoop	Youth Director
Emily Cocores	Preschool 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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