



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 19, 2021  
17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

WELCOME

Lynn Miller

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Isn’t He Beautiful”

Wimber

+\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Vaughan

L: When the world around us seems to be shaking,

P: **God’s love is our foothold.**

L: When the life within us is dry and parched,

P: **God’s word is our wellspring of living water.**

L: Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom,

P: **Who guides us in the gentle ways of peace.**

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

P: **Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN # 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Lucy Vaughan

**God of peace and source of all wisdom, in Jesus Christ you teach us that true greatness requires being the servant of all. Even though we know Jesus’ gentle wisdom leads to peace and wholeness, too often we choose to live by the world’s wisdom instead. Forgive us, Lord. Tame our ambition and open our hearts so that we might learn better to serve and care for others. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lucy Vaughan

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, # 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

Lucy Vaughan

**L:** As those who know peace with God through Jesus Christ,  
let us share signs of his peace.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**P:** And also with you!

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Don Wahlig

FIRST READING

Mark 9:30-37

Lucy Vaughan

SECOND READING

James 3:13 - 4:2a, 4:7-8a

Rev. Wahlig

SERMON

"Gentle Wisdom, or Worldly Ways?"

Rev. Wahlig

ANTHEM

"Strength for Tomorrow, Grace for Today"  
Sanctuary Choir

Parks

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lynn Miller

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Lynn Miller

\*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more:  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

\*HYMN # 373

"O Day of Peace"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. 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

"Allegro Vivace"

Handel

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit*

*+Latecomers will be seated*

For those desiring a hearing-assist device, two 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.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by the family of Ralph Tygard in celebration of his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**THE WINDOW FLOWERS** are given by Patrick and Angelina Katzenstein in honor of their parents.

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK:**

**Ushers:** Rick and Chris Sebring

**Lay Liturgist:** Lucy Vaughan

**Deacon Servers:** Jenny Bell and Bethany Kavulich

**Downtown Daily Bread on September 24:** Jo Day and friend

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Lynn Miller	Pastoral Intern
Bryan Corbin	Director of Youth Ministry
Kyle Weary	Director of Music
Tracy Wieseman	Children's Choir Director
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Barbara Shoun	Parish Nurse
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Custodial Supervisor
Rebecca Montney	Part-time custodian



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**Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.**

**Our values that will help us reach our vision:**

**Glorify God:** Glorify and praise God through worship, 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

***We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.***

**Soli Deo Gloria**

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

### **Masks Strongly Recommended: Wearing is Caring!**

In order to keep one another safe, the Session has voted unanimously to follow CDC guidelines which strongly recommend that all those attending indoor events here at SSPC wear masks when others are present, regardless of vaccination status, so long as the COVID transmission risk in Cumberland County is “substantial” or “high.” We care deeply about one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and wearing masks to help keep others safe is a clear way to express that mutual care that makes SSPC the warm and special place it is. Simply put, wearing is caring, friends. In addition to getting vaccinated against the COVID virus, masks are a simple and effective barrier to prevent illness-causing respiratory droplets from reaching others. Masks provide the most protection when everyone wears one, especially in a community setting. Thanks for helping us keep one another safe and well. Together, this is one way that we are taking seriously our vision statement of becoming a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ’s love with all!

### **Fellowship Bike and Playground Event on Sunday, Sept. 26th**

Your fun-loving Fellowship committee is organizing a fun day at the Winding Hill North Park. This is a no-cost event, but you need to sign-up (maximum of 25 people). The event goes from 12:30 to 3 pm and starts with a picnic lunch. Families are then encouraged to explore the many paved bike trails around Winding Hill Park. In addition to paved trails, the park has flush bathrooms, 2 basketball courts, and a fantastic children’s play area with multiple slides, jungle gym, musical instrument area, mini rock climbing, multiple swings, a maze, a splash area, whirly round, shaded sitting areas and plenty of parking. The address is Winding Hill Park North, 901 E. Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**Peacemaking Offering:** Peace is Active, not passive, peace is doing, not waiting. On October 3rd, we will be collecting the Peacemaking Offering to help bring about change in our world. The PCUSA will receive 50% of the offering to help promote peace and reconciliation around the world through missionary efforts. Our local Presbytery will receive 25% of the offering to help support peacemaking work in our local communities. The last 25% of the offering will be used by our church to support the Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania to combat homelessness among veterans in Harrisburg by providing housing, support and services. Our offering offers light to those veterans living in the shadows and hope for a better tomorrow. It is time for us all to give back to those who have given so we can continue to enjoy our freedom. Through this offering may they know peace and that others care. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

**Fall Faire is on October 9, 2021:** Items may only be brought to the church from September 26 - October 3. If we have to cancel, we should know before Sept. 26. Thank you for understanding!!!! NO items will be accepted after October 3. Please be sure your items are clean and in working order. Place the items in the hallway between the gym and the Gathering Place ramp.

Fiction and Non-fiction books are acceptable, but NO cookbooks, reference books, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, records, VHS. Children's books are welcome. Please place them by the library. Working microwaves are acceptable. Items NOT accepted include: stuffed animals, suitcases, cribs, high chairs, car seats, booster seats (due to safety concerns), electronics (including stereos, speakers, computers, or TVs), curtains or rods, couches, sofas, and linens EXCEPT for sheets and comforters which will be accepted.

NEEDED: Someone to help with set up of the Housewares area and to be in charge of that area the day of the sale. Please call Claudia Brown (717-737-2014) if interested. Plenty of help will be provided.

**Fall Faire Sign-Up sheets are in the Gathering Place** — We need lots of hands to pull off a successful Fall Faire!

**Wednesday Men's Breakfast:** We meet at the Peppermill Restaurant at 8:00 am each week. Please join us.

### **Dining Out Group**

The Dining Out Group will meet for LUNCH at Gabriella's on Sept. 30 at 12 noon. The deadline for registrations is 12:00 noon on Sept. 26. Please see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place or call Dennis or Jenny Bell.

**From your Worship Committee:** The committee is gathering fabrics, textiles and tapestries from other countries to display on World Communion Sunday, October 3rd. Please contact Pat Ferris or Carol Bogar if you have any of the above and please include the country of origin. Placement in the Meeting House is scheduled for Friday, October 1st at 10:00 am. Thank you.

### **Wine Tasting Group**

The wine tasting interest group is moving forward with a wine tasting on Saturday, October 2. Please respond to Jenny Bell by September 24 to let her know if you will be attending (717-697-0697). This is a tough call because of Covid. Chris and Holly Lawrence are hosting it, but if the numbers keep going up, we will cancel. If it is cancelled but things turn around in January or February, we will look at it again.

**The Manna Project** began over 15 years ago at SSPC to help welcome newcomers to our church. We currently need more Manna volunteers, who are needed for one month out of the year, to deliver a loaf of baked bread and talk about what SSPC means to them with our visitors. Over the years, many people who are at SSPC today came in part because of a Manna visit. Would you please consider being part of the Manna team and share the Bread of Life with someone new? There is a 2021 sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place or please contact Carol Barstow, (717) 651-0238 or barstowlc@aol.com, if you would like to serve or have any questions.

### **Opportunity to Serve**

For the past several years, Mary Jane Jones and Connie Spangler, along with a team of ladies from the church, have graciously offered their service of time and hospitality by providing funeral luncheons following memorial services here at SSPC. We want to thank them for their many years of providing this wonderful service. They have retired from this role, and we are looking for someone who is interested in volunteering for this opportunity of service. Mary Jane and Connie are available to answer any questions and to train someone in all that is involved. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to talk with them, simply call the church office at 717-766-0204. Thank you.

### **ROAR at Home Week**

This year's fall Mission Trip will be in and around Mechanicsburg. The dates are Monday, September 27 through Saturday, October 02, 2021. We will work on projects around the church campus, the Retreat Center property and do repair projects at people's homes through Rebuilding Together. The work day will typically be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or as the project site dictates. There is work for skilled and unskilled volunteers (you will learn some skill before the week is over). If you are interested in volunteering, please email Terry at [tsreed@verizon.net](mailto:tsreed@verizon.net), call Terry Reed at 717-766-2714, or see Terry at church.

### **ROAR Team Report from MATE**

During the week of August 1 - 7, thirteen members and friends of Silver Spring Church answered God's question, "Who shall I send" when they answered, here I am Lord.

The Team worked on six different project sites. The weather was relatively cool all week with a few rain showers. It was a very productive (and safe) week. We began the week with worship at the Fairbanks Union Church and then toured the initial project sites. The Team enjoyed a picnic at the Ratcliff's home on Sunday evening and a picnic at the Fairbanks Union Church on Wednesday evening. The Team hosted the families we worked for on Thursday evening with a great ham supper prepared by our chefs Susie Reed and Ella Reardon. Our chef's provided hearty breakfasts and evening meals for us throughout the week. To read more about the completed project sites, go to our website at: <http://www.silverspring.org/roar>

**CROP Hunger Walk:** About one month from now, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need walkers and sponsors for the Mechanicsburg area. The youth have done this for the past few years, and we would like to invite the whole congregation!

CROP Hunger Walk is on October 17, 2021, at 1 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg. Please contact Bryan Corbin for more details and to sign up to be a walker, a sponsor, or both (717-829-8844).

**Earth Care - Should you remove labels on plastics before recycling them?** Different recycling plants have different processes. If the label is a different material from the plastic, this can hinder the value of the product in recycling. The short answer to this is 'yes' if you can do so easily.

### **Youth Events:**

September 26, 2021: Fellowship Event 12:30—3 pm

Email [Bryan@Silverspring.org](mailto:Bryan@Silverspring.org) for announcements or to subscribe to email and/or text announcements.

### **New Hope Ministry**

Needs for New Hope Ministry this month include: Bisquick, Spaghetti sauce, and Instant potatoes. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you for your help in meeting the needs of our local community!

### **PRAYERS**

Prayers of healing: Louise Weldy, Walt Pomeroy, Bob Gaffney, Rich Morelli

Sympathy: Family of Bob Wrightstone, Ken and Millie Swatt for the death of their son-in-law

Prayers for our military members: Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe, Brandon Johnson

### **Thank you**

We have always been grateful for our church family, but following the death of Jenny's father, it was again made clear why. The number of cards, phone calls, food and offers of food, and prayers was amazing. Thank you to everyone who reached out to us with words and acts of comfort. Denny and Jenny Bell

### **Attendance:**

<u>September 5</u>	<u>September 12</u>
9 am Traditional—57	9 am Traditional—80
11 am Gathering—40	11 am Gathering—42
YouTube views—69	YouTube views—74

You can find all services at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (search for Silver Spring Presbyterian Church).