

# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE “Your Love Oh Lord”  
*Celebration Singers and Band*  
 “Hallelujah”  
*See insert*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mark Green

WELCOME Jason S. Robbins

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP Richard A. Ramsey

PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard A. Ramsey  
 Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Δ EXTENDING A WORD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Δ GATHERING SONG “Praise Ye the Lord”  
*See insert*

Δ SONG OF PRAISE “Here I Am to Worship”  
*See insert*

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN J. Thomas Kort

PRAYER OF CONFESSION,  
 INTERCESSION, PETITION  
 AND LORD’S PRAYER Catherine E. Craley

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP  
*Both members and visitors are asked to sign as the register is passed. Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Today is the Day”  
*Celebration Singers and Band*

Δ DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, you heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Δ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jason S. Robbins  
*The five-year-olds are excused to the Narthex after the prayer.*

SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 1:2-7 *The Message Translation*  
 Acts 7:20 *NT p. 125*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Glass Slipper Theology” J. Thomas Kort

Δ CLOSING SONG “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
*See insert*

Δ BENEDICTION J. Thomas Kort

Δ RESPONSE “Amen!”  
 Amen! Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!

Δ *Standing for those able*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Please remember to turn off all cell phones in the Sanctuary.***

TO ALL WHO would have their lives enriched by worshiping God in the beauty of holiness, this church extends the friendliest of greetings and invites you to worship with us regularly at either a blended service with contemporary music at 9:00 a.m. or a traditional worship service at 11:00 a.m.

ARE YOU VISITING and have questions about Sardis? See us in the Narthex before and after our worship services.

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Register as it is passed. Feel free to take any of the materials in the Friendship Register to better acquaint yourself with the activities of Sardis Presbyterian Church

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS through four-year-olds is available during worship in the Preschool building. At both services the five-year-olds are excused after the Prayer of Dedication, met by adults in the Narthex, and escorted to the Preschool building, room 6. Children age six and above are encouraged to worship with their families.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS are available on racks in the hall on the parking lot side of the sanctuary building (near the Historical Room) and the narthex. Please return the bags to the designated basket by the rack. Any papers or disposables that are in the bag may go with the children; bookmarks, pencils, crayons, etc. are to be returned to the bag.

COPIES OF THE Sardis Church newsletter, *The Communicator*, are available in the Narthex and on the website, [www.Sardis.org](http://www.Sardis.org).

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and they will provide one for you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. Handicap unisex bathroom is located near the Historical Room.

SARDIS IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION – a Stephen Minister is available in the Chapel, located behind the Sanctuary, immediately following our worship services to listen to and pray with you.

CDs & DVDs of the worship services are available. Contact the church office for details. Audio sermons are available online at [www.Sardis.org](http://www.Sardis.org).

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The Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Catherine E. Craley	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Alice A. Johnson	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. E. Lee Stoffel	Pastor Emeritus
Jason S. Robbins	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Kenneth A. DeBoer	Director of Traditional Music
Sharon J. DeBoer	Organist and Music Associate
Richard A. Ramsey	Director of Contemporary Music
Renda R. Brinson	Director of Christian Education
Heather T. Eddy	Assistant Director of Christian Education
Cynthia C. McLeod	Parish Aide
Dianne W. Hull	Director of Administration
Jessica A. Otto	Executive Associate to Senior Pastor
Donna P. Rogers	Communications Coordinator
Sylvia Zwick	Financial Administrator
Louise C. Lippi	Director of Weekday School

## Missionaries

*Brazil* – Tim & Marta Carriker *Equatorial Guinea* – Andres & Gloria Garcia  
*Peru* – Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson *Indonesia* - Charlotte Blackburn

## Candidates for Ministry

Diane Hunter

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose is to receive the annual report. Copies of the 2011 annual report are available in the Narthex, on the website, and in the church office.

TONIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: we will visit the final room of the house, the bedroom, and talk about the subject of integrity. Are we the same on the inside as the image we portray on the outside? See you tonight at 6 PM!

NO MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT. On Friday night, 35 middle school youth and adults had a fun fellowship night together at Jump Sky High.

A SILENT AUCTION hosted by the high school youth will be held on February 26 to raise funds for their mission trip to Jamaica this summer. If you have items or services to donate please contact Jason Robbins in the church office.

ZONE 45, a fellowship group for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, meets February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. The group will be setting up for Room In the Inn and watching a movie. Bring \$5 and some travel sized toiletries for our homeless neighbors. RSVP to Lynn Cain: dawgtoo@windstream.net.

ROOM IN THE INN: tonight hosted by the Titus team; Wednesday hosted by the Carroll team.

THE UPTOWN MUSTARD SEED GROUP is offering a new study series every Tuesday at lunchtime February 28 – March 27. The study guide will be *Seven Last Words of Christ* by Judith Mattison. All are welcome; contact Chuck Bohlen for details if you plan to attend: charles.bohlen@bankofamerica.com.

SOUP'S ON! Enjoy soup, sandwiches, and fellowship February 23 and March 1. Cost is \$5 per person, and all are welcome. Please reserve by the Monday before each week online or by calling 704-926-1590.

GIRL'S SOFTBALL SIGNUPS are going on now in the Gathering Place and online. If you are interested in coaching please contact Julius Torrence:jtorrencejr@carolina.rr.com.

A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, Contemporary Christian Issues, begins next Sunday. This discussion based class will examine societal issues through the lens of Christian belief. The class meets in the Sardis House—all are welcome!

FAMILY FRIDAY: meet in the Sardis House on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM for pizza, salad, and games. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10 per family; reserve by calling 704-926-1590 or online by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

INTERESTED IN JOINING SARDIS? A new member class begins March 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alice Johnson for information: alice.johnson@sardis.org or 704-366-1854.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Loaves and Fishes, an emergency food assistance program In 2011, Loaves & Fishes provided groceries to 114,177 people.

DR. KORT gratefully acknowledges Dr. John Galloway and Dr. H. A. Ironside for their keen insights into the Book of Solomon which helped create this morning's sermon.

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES over a weekend or holiday please call the church office, and you will be directed to the phone number of the pastor on call.

## CALENDAR

### Today at Sardis:

9:00 AM Worship Service: Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Church School: various rooms  
11:00 AM Worship Service: Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary  
4:30 PM Room In The Inn: Sardis House  
5:00 PM Decibells: Music Room  
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship: Fellowship Hall; various rooms  
6:30 PM Sardis Centering Prayer Group: Parlor

### Monday, February 20

7:00 PM Diaconate Ministry meetings: various rooms

### Tuesday, February 21

6:30 AM MSG – Long: Dining Room  
11:00 AM Friendship Connection: Sardis House Mission Hall  
3:00 PM Rama Tutoring: Education Hall, various rooms  
4:15 PM Tai Chi Intermediate: 205-206-EdH  
5:15 PM Tai Chi Beginner: 205-206-EdH  
6:30 PM Jesus in the Gospel Bible Study: 211-212-FH  
7:30 PM MSG – Mai: Away

### Wednesday, February 22

6:30 AM Lenten Breakfast: Sardis House Mission Hall  
9:30 AM Alpha Ringers: Music Room  
12:00 PM MSG – Dishman: Dining Room  
4:00 PM MSG - Path Seekers: 216-FH  
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Parlor  
4:30 PM Room In The Inn: Sardis House  
5:30 PM Collide: 102-103 EdH  
6:00 PM Children's Choir and Junior Choir: 210-EdH  
High School Full House: 101-EdH  
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service – Communion: Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 23

6:30 AM Gilbert MSG: Away  
10:00 AM Hebrews & I Peter Bible Study: 211-212-FH  
Seekers Bible Study: Dining Room  
3:00 PM Rama Tutoring: Education Hall; various rooms  
5:30 PM Soup's On: Dining Room  
6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal: Upstairs Sanctuary room  
7:00 PM MSG – Duffy: 211-212-FH

### Friday, February 24

6:30 AM MSG – Meeks: Dining Room  
9:30 AM Moms' MSG - Kaeppler/Armstrong: 210-EdH

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:

A service of worship, communion, and imposition of ashes will be held at Sardis February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is a joint service with Sardis Baptist Church.



“ O God, the hope of all who seek you and  
the joy of all who find,  
move in our hearts as we are gathered now before you.

Some of us are low and need the lifting word.

Some of us are high and need to be deflated.

Some of us are angry with the world;

some not angry enough.

Some of us are certain about too much;

some are certain about too little.

O God who knows each of us for what we

are and what we might become,

bless us with what we need the most,

to the end that together

we might better do your bidding.

--Ernest T. Campbell