

- BLESSED ANYWAY -

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

- Fifth Sunday of Lent -

March 26, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. Worship

Exploring Faith. Changing Lives.

Sardis Presbyterian Church is an inclusive Congregation called to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world by:



PRAISING God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer



LEARNING about God's will for our lives



LOVING one another unconditionally



SERVING neighbors near and far



SHARING the gifts with which we have been blessed



WITNESSING to the Good News of Jesus Christ to provide hope for the world.

We are honored that you chose to worship God with us this morning.

If you are looking for a church home, we would love to help you explore the possibility that Sardis is the place God is calling you to worship and serve.

Worshiping God Together

† Rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

Beth Williams

† OPENING SONGS

Awake My Soul
Stand in Your Love

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Allysen Schaaf

IMPACT STATEMENT: Sardis Gift Trust

Tim Cropper

OFFERING *

† OFFERING SONG

Still in Control

TIME WITH YOUNG
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Sarah Dianne Jones

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-45 (CEB– selected verses)

SERMON

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn
Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

† SONG (*written by Kaitlyn Davros*)

Blessed Anyway

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

† CLOSING SONG

Rise Up

† BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

All Are Welcome

The Sardis Contemporary Worship Service is designed to be an experience that allows us to connect with one another, be challenged by God's word and be equipped to put our faith into action in the world through an inspiring, welcoming, interactive, joyful and relaxed worship service.

Connect: Please fill out the friendship register on the clipboard in your row or the online connect card.

Children & Families: All ages are welcome in worship at Sardis. We have a dedicated worship space for children 4 and under in the front right section and a nursery for ages 5 and younger.

Pray: We can pray and talk with God in many ways.

Masks are required while in the toddler worship space and for adult nursery volunteers.

* We have several offering options for you!

Option 1: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to sardis.org and click on "Make a Gift Now".

Option 2: Text 'Sardis + amount' to 73256 (ex. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)

Option 3: Click the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.

Option 4: Place in offering plate.



Thank you for
your gifts and
support of
Sardis
Presbyterian
Church.

IMPACT + *Impact the Future Now*



Our challenge to the congregation is for 233 individuals of all ages to make a one-time gift to one of four highlighted Endowment Funds during the month of March. (The 233 is in recognition of Sardis's recent 233rd birthday.) We have highlighted three of the funds so far and today we will hear about the last one, the SGT General Fund. To make your gift, please use one of the envelopes found in the pew rack, or scan the appropriate barcode below to give online.

SGT General Fund



SGT Christian Education Fund



SGT Worship & Music Fund



SGT Unified Mission Fund



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various rooms
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Dinner followed by WAM	Dining Room Various rooms

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (R. Brinson)	Room 210/Zoom
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Wednesday, March 29

7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (JB Martin)	Room 210/Zoom
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Thursday, March 30

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (JB Martin)	Room 210/Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir room

Check your Sunday and Wednesday emails or the Sardis.org website for more events, activities, and Zoom links.

Today's Ushers are members of Membership Ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Book of My Own drive: Join us this month as we raise funds to provide books for summer reading for every child at Rama Road Elementary School. \$5 will provide a book for a child, \$100 provides books for an entire class. Your donations of any amount will help make an impact! Find out about the three ways to make a gift to support A Book of My Own at www.sardis.org under the Serving tab.

Maundy Thursday Service: Join us on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a traditional Tenebrae service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The nursery will be open for this worship service.

Friday, April 7 join us at 12:00 p.m. on the Sardis Presbyterian South Lawn for our annual community Good Friday Service with our neighbors from Sardis Baptist Church and St. Stephen UMC. This year, we will be experiencing Good Friday outdoors with a time of prayer and singing with music led by Beth Williams and then a journey through stations that will present art, scripture, and reflection questions on Jesus' final days. Participants are encouraged to engage each station at their own pace. All ages are welcome including children, youth, and adults. Alternatives to walking will be offered for those with mobility challenges.

Easter Sunday: Come celebrate with Sardis at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Both worship services will stream online. Don't forget to bring fresh cut flowers for our Easter cross!



Children preschool-aged through 5th grade are invited to join the fun on Easter morning! At 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the Gathering Place for story time with our Director of Faith Formation, Sarah Dianne Jones. Then we will head to the playground for an Easter egg hunt! A snack and water will be provided.