









11:00 a.m. Worship • October 27, 2024

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.

WORSHIP



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THE CHAPEL (through the doors to left of the pulpit) is available, with audio of the worship service, for those who need it (e.g. families with young children, those with health challenges, etc.).

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and they will provide one for you. Additionally, Sardis now has a hearing loop in the Sanctuary. If your hearing aid has a t-coil, please sit in the main section of the sanctuary to take advantage of this technology.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided in the main body of the Sanctuary, on the side aisles on the seventh pew, and in the transept area. A handicap unisex bathroom is located in the left rear hallway.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: After hours and on weekends or holidays, please call the church office and leave a message, including a call-back number. A Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER

† Rise in body or in spirit.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on EVENTIDE C.H.H. Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

† CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Schaaf

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord

People: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

† HYMN #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Dr. Schaaf

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow, so that living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Dr. Schaaf

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE #581 Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST Dr. Schaaf

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 7:31-37 Dr. Martin

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Hearing and Being Heard Dr. Martin, Dr. Schaaf, and Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN #451 Open My Eyes, That I May See Open My Eyes

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERING Dr. Schaaf
Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering basket.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Ross Carpenter and Dorothy and Calvin Price by Steve, Karen, Anna, Sarah, and Matthew Carpenter.

OFFERTORY

I Wanna Be Ready
Agape Singers

Powell

I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John. My feet stand steady, my feet stand steady, my feet stand steady to walk in Jerusalem just like John. I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John. John said that Jerusalem was four-square. I hope, good Lord, to meet you there. If you get to heaven before I do, tell all my friends I'm coming too. O John, O John now didn't you say that you would be there on that great day? Now some came crippled and some came lame, and some came walking in Jesus' name.

† DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
**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.**

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† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Schaaf

ANTHEM

We Remember
Throne Together

arr. Davros

In the rising of the sun, we remember. In the blowing of the wind, we remember. In the opening of the buds, we remember. In the rustling of the leaves, we remember. As the year starts and ends, we remember. When we're weary and need strength, we remember; when we're lost and sick at heart, we remember; when we've joys we yearn to share, we remember. So long as we live, they too shall live. They are now a part of us we remember.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Dr. Martin, Dr. Schaaf, John Hovis

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Schaaf

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENT BY THE WORD

† HYMN #326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

† BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Dr. Martin

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let's pass that peace with one another
before we follow Jesus by carrying it out into the world.*

POSTLUDE

Toccatà from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllman

The Ushers today are members of the Membership Ministry.

God's children of all ages are welcome in worship! Children's worship activity bags can be found at the front entrance and in the younger children's worship space. The open space in the front right is provided for children 5 and under to experience all aspects of worship in ways that meet their developmental needs. Audio of the service can be heard in the Chapel if you and your child need to step out for a bit and the nursery is also open during worship for children 5 years and younger in the Education Building. Ask an usher if you need directions and speak with one of the pastors or Amanda Hooks if you have questions about how best to include your child in the experience of worship.

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

(e.g. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)



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

Option 4: Place your offering in the offering plate.

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

Welcome! Our guest organist today is Matthew Manwarren.

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In the Reformed tradition a “saint” is not a select individual, but rather anyone who has tried to live a Christ-like life. Today we remember those Sardis members who have died in the past year (between October 2023 and October 2024).

Doris Abernathy	Stephanie Carlson	Shirley Carson
Beth Coleman	Dr. Ron Dennis	Carol Donaldson
Jim Duyck Jr.	Carolyn Gabrielson	Jane Gilbert
Rachel Hart	Norma Hester	Rodney Hutchison
Patti Kramer	Charlotte Lewis	Beverly Jo Naumann
Bill Palmer	Bill Ramseur	Bob Sutthoff
Carolyn Thomasson	Guy Titman	John Welch
Jean Williamson		

“We believe that Jesus died and rose again; and so it will be for those who have died in Christ. God will raise them to be with the Lord forever. Comfort one another with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4 (selected)



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, October 27

4:30 p.m. Youth Bells and Choir	Admin Building
6:00 p.m. Youth Group	Ed Hall

Monday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Joint Officer Meetings	Sardis House
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Wednesday, October 30

12:00 p.m. The Book of Job Study	Room 213
7:00 p.m. Midweek Bible Study	Room 210 & Zoom
7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Coventry Ringers	Admin Building

Thursday, October 31

10:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Study	Room 210 & Zoom
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

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

IMPACT
Justly • Mercifully • Humbly

You can make an impact this Stewardship season! The **2025 Estimate of Giving Card** can be filled out online by scanning this QR code with your smart device.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Poinsettia Sale is Back! The Sardis Sanctuary Choir is again selling Christmas poinsettias as a fundraiser. The plants, obtained from Kings, will be gorgeous and will make a nice holiday addition to your home or a wonderful gift to a friend. Funds raised will be used for special musicians and other special music presentations. Pick up an order form in the Narthex or Gathering Place to place your order by November 3. Order online at sardis.org/poinsettias

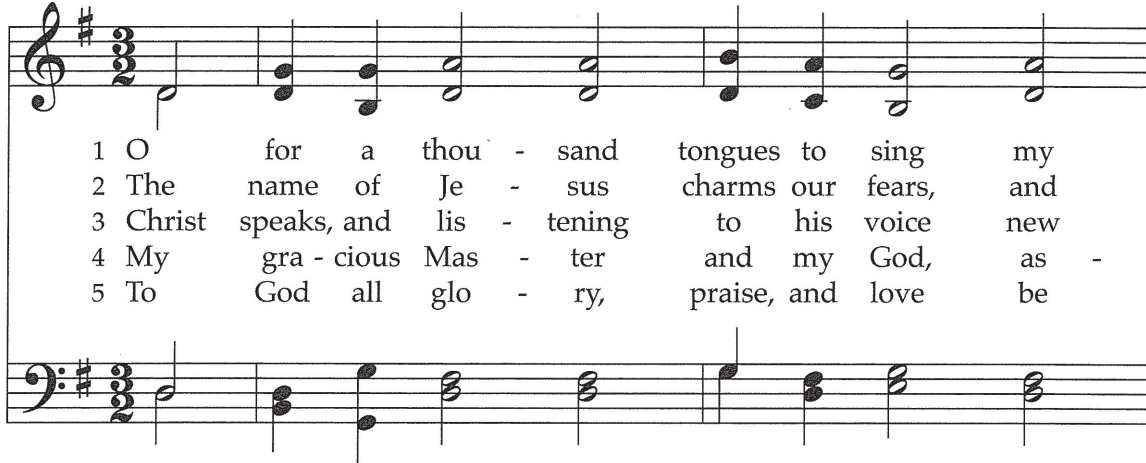
Parent Programming on November 3. Youth parents are invited to join us on November 3 at 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for dinner and a conversation with Trent Morrow (LCSW) about social media, technology, and youth mental health. How does screen time impact brain development? How are companies engineering their sites and apps to create habitual use? Trent will provide us with a framework for navigating these tricky conversations as a family. This program will run concurrently with Youth Group. Please register by October 31st with the QR code below.

Volunteer in the Nursery. Sardis volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery while offering a familiar face and helping provide visitors with a warm welcome and helpful information. Please use the QR code below to sign up. Questions or need assistance signing up? Contact Amanda Hooks at amanda.hooks@sardis.org.

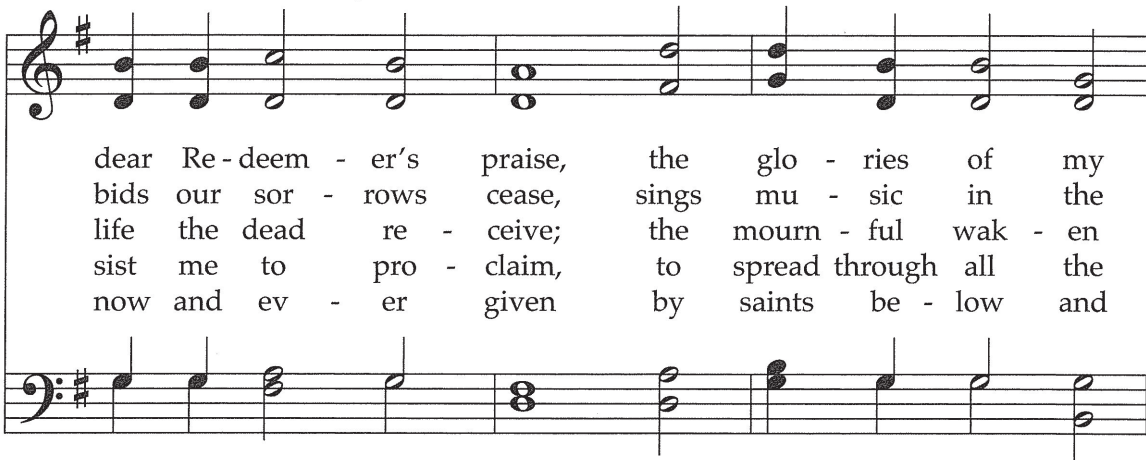
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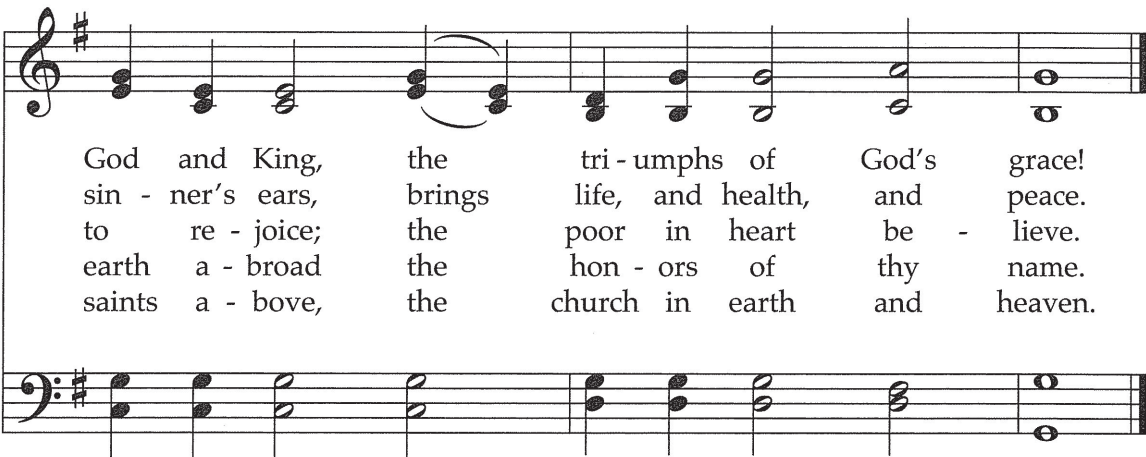
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

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

to stanza 4