









## ***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 today.

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

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

† OPENING SONG Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Von Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

† LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE The Patterson and  
Preslar Families  
Welcome a neighbor and share a Christmas or holiday tradition that  
has been carried on for multiple generations of your family.

† OFFERING Beth Williams

† OFFERING SONG Light of the World We the Kingdom  
(Sing Hallelujah)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16, Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST Amanda Hooks

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1:1-17

MEDITATION Room in the Story for Every Generation Dr. Schaaf

## COMMUNION

*When the usher cues your row, please come forward to receive communion. Please eat and drink as you are served. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and we will serve you. Allergy-friendly bread is available on the communion table; ingredients are listed on [sardis.org](http://sardis.org)*

COMMUNION SONG Heirlooms Amy Grant

THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Martin

† CLOSING SONG Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Wesley

† BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Dr. Schaaf  
*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

## Upcoming Special Services


**Service of Hope and Remembrance on December 18.** This service will be a time to remember and give thanks for the life of a loved one who has passed; it will be a time to claim afresh the certain promises that are ours through our Savior, whose birth we celebrate. Join us on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and live on YouTube.

**Christmas Eve Worship Services.** Invite your friends and neighbors to join you in celebrating the birth of Christ at Sardis. We have three Christmas Eve worship service offerings:

- **4:00 p.m.** Contemporary Family Christmas Eve service in the Fellowship Hall with special fellowship opportunities like a photo booth, crafts, Christmas book giveaway, and more! The nursery will be open for this service.
- **7:00 p.m.** Traditional candlelight worship in the Sanctuary.
- **9:00 p.m.** Traditional candlelight worship in the Sanctuary with Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Today's Ushers** are Amelia Brownlee and Jack Nolan, representing Faith Formation's Youth Education Subcommittee.

### We have several offering options for you!

- **Option 1:** Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) and click on "Make a Gift Now".
- **Option 2:** Text Sardis + amount to 73256 (e.g. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)
- **Option 3:** Scan 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.

**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.



## **THIS WEEK AT SARDIS**

### **Tuesday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Yoga Room 211

### **Wednesday, December 4**

7:30 p.m. Coventry Ringers Admin Building

### **Thursday, December 5**

9:00 a.m. Yoga Sardis House

3:00 p.m. Room in the Inn Sardis House

6:30 p.m. Throne Together Admin Building

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Admin Building

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Online Alternative Gift Market is open December 1-18.** This Christmas you can make a positive difference in the lives of people in our community and around the world facing daily struggles to obtain food, shelter, medical care, and basic education through an Alternative Gift Market gift. Visit [sardis.org/alternative-gift-market](http://sardis.org/alternative-gift-market) to learn more and make a gift.

**Angel Tree Is Up!** Our Angel Tree is part of our Planting Seeds of Hope partnership with Rama Road Elementary School. Purchasing gifts for an angel can be an individual effort, a group effort by a family, Sunday School class, or small group. Use the QR code below to choose an angel. Then use some of the provided gift ideas to shop. Return the gifts unwrapped in a clear bag labeled with the child's number and name to the Missions Corner in the Gathering Place by December 8.

**Annual Christmas Dinner on December 11.** Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The whole family is invited to come enjoy musical entertainment by Throne Together and a Christmas Dinner. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-8, and free for children 5 and under. Register using the QR code to the right.



Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and receive the 10 cents a meal offering. When you give to Ten Cents a Meal, you are providing food security assistance to local organizations fighting hunger. In addition to the baskets provided today, you can contribute anytime online (select Ten-Cents-A- Meal from the funds dropdown box), or text "Sardis Meal" + Amount to 73256.