

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 SONGS O Come, O Come Emmanuel Josh Wilson Glory (Let There Be Peace) Matt Maher WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Munn Family Welcome a neighbor and share something that brings you peace during the holiday season (Ex. A song, an activity, an image/item). TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST Amanda Hooks PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Schaaf FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:26-38 Dr. Schaaf **OFFERING** Dr. Schaaf SOLO Breath of Heaven Amy Grant SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin **SOLO** Joseph's Lullaby Mercy Me SERMON Room in the Story for More Than One Story Dr. Martin PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Schaaf † CLOSING SONG We The Kingdom Light of the World † BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Dr. Martin 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 members of the Clerks Ministry.

We have several offering options for you!

- Option 1: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to <u>sardis.orq</u> 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.



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

Sunday, December 8

4:30 p.m.Youth Bells and ChoirAdmin Building5:00 p.m.WAMRoom 2056:00 p.m.Youth GroupEducation Hall

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Yoga Room 211

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 12

9:00 a.m.YogaSardis House3:00 p.m.Room in the InnSardis House6:30 p.m.Throne TogetherAdmin Building7:30 p.m.Sanctuary ChoirAdmin 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 to learn more and make a gift.

Angel Tree Gifts Are Due Today, December 8!

Room In The Inn Donations And Volunteers Are Needed. Check your emails or sardis.org for a list of needed items and volunteer sign up.

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.

We Welcome New Ushers to participate each week at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Instructions and coordinators will be provided by one of the church ministries. Use the QR code to the right to sign up!

