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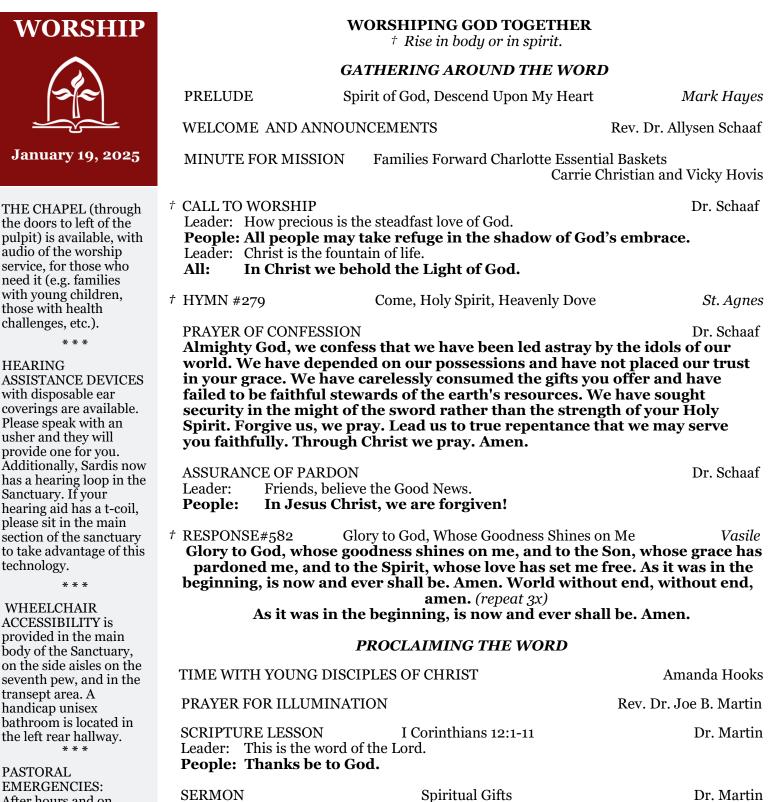
Exploring Faith. Changing Lives.

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.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Loving Spirit

Dans Nos Obscurités

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.

HYMN #293

Welcome! Our guest organist today is Lois Buesser. *†* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Brief Statement of Faith (1983) Dr. Schaaf We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Dr. Schaaf

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; Be thou my shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heaven ward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

† DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth 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.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENT BY THE WORD

† HYMN #288 Spirit of the Living God

BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. Leader: 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

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The Ushers today are members of the Session Ministry.

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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.

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We have several offering options for vou!

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 4: Place your offering in the offering plate.

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



Living God

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THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, January 19			
3:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House	
Monday, January 20			
9:00 a.m.	MLK Day of Service	Fellowship Hall	
	Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, January 21			
9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House	
10:00 a.m.	Exploring the Bible	Room 210	
Wednesday, January 22			
3:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House	
7:00 p.m.	Apostles' Creed Study	Room 210 & Zoom	
7:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study	Off Campus	
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Bell Room	
Thursday, January 23			
9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House	
10:00 a.m.	Apostles' Creed Study	Room 210 & Zoom	
3:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House	
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Choir Room	
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	

SARDIS STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin, IV	7 Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf	Associate Pastor
John B. Nipe	Technical Arts Coordinator
Betsy Williams	Director of Youth Ministry
Amanda Hooks	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Beth Williams	Contemporary Worship Leader
Susan W. Chowning	Parish Aide
Kristen Suh	Director of Weekday School
Amy Read	Financial Manager
Leigh Anne Duncan	Director of Operations
Nikki L. Bolton	Director of Communications
Danelle R. Kime	Membership & Pastoral Care
	Coordinator
Blake Blackman	Operations Assistant
Mark J. Slimer	Director of Facilities
J. Alfredo Mendoza	Facility Team
Dennis G. Easter	Facility Team
Sam R. Johnson	Facility Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Day of Service for Children and Families & Food Truck! Join us for a day of service on Monday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sign up at *sardis.org/events*. Food Truck will be onsite from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m. open to all ages and the community.

Save the Date for Sardis' 235th Birthday Worship and Potluck Lunch! Join us for on February 9th as we celebrate Sardis' birthday with one combined special worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will have gospel music led by Beth Williams and guest music leaders with a potluck lunch to follow. Boy Scout Troop 33 will provide BBQ. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sunday school will meet at 10:00 a.m.

It's Essential Basket Time! Since 2019, our Sardis family has partnered with Families Forward Charlotte, making this year our 6th annual Essential Baskets Drive. This year's Drive will run from January 19-February 23. Our goal is to provide "baskets" of cleaning supplies to 30 families so that they may focus on food, rent, and other necessities. Please have items delivered to you home and then bring them to the Missions Corner located in the Gathering Place. The link for the Amazon Wishlist and online giving can be found at *sardis.org/ essential-basket-drive*.

Interested in our mission partnership with Macedonia Presbyterian Church? Come learn about a mission partnership trip to visit our friends and partners at Macedonia Presbyterian Church in Kenva. Interest meeting will be held on February 16 at 12:00 p.m. Location of meeting to be announced, and available online. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in the trip please let Allysen Schaaf or John Hovis know. Estimated date of the trip is late July. This will be a transformational experience which will include being part of worship at their church, staying in the homes of congregation members, and witnessing the work and mission of their congregation in their community. We will visit some of the mission focus areas of their church in rural communities, including a visit to the Mother Esther Rescue School. A Safari in the Maasai Mara National Park is also a possibility.

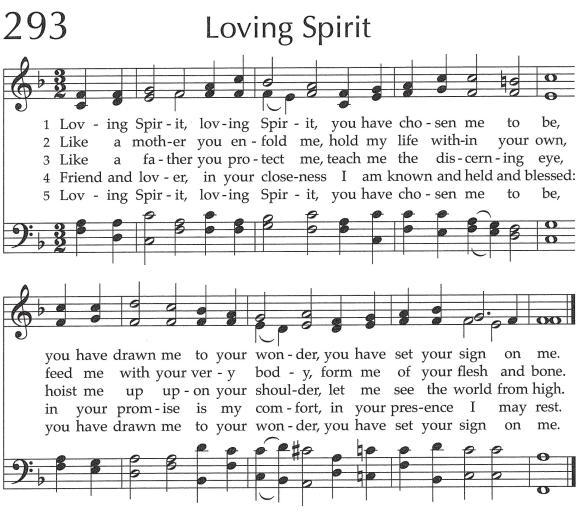
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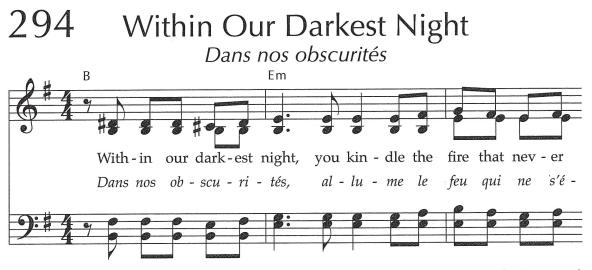
In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

MUSIC: Corner's Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent. Text © 1987 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company) OMNI DIE (Corner) 8.7.8.7



This Taizé chant can be used in several ways. Its inclusion in the Holy Spirit section connects the fire it celebrates with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. It might also be appropriate at evening services or as part of the Easter Vigil found in the *Book of Common Worship*.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986



Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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