









9:00 a.m. Worship • March 23, 2025

***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.

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| † OPENING SONGS                             | Come Thou Fount<br>Holy Water          |
| WELCOME                                     | Beth Williams                          |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS                               | Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf                |
| OFFERING                                    | Beth Williams                          |
| † OFFERING SONG                             | Living Waters                          |
| TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST         | Amanda Hooks                           |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION                     | Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin                 |
| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                        | Genesis 21: 8-21                       |
| NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                        | John 4: 7-15                           |
| SERMON                                      | Dr. Martin                             |
| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                        | from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983) |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | Dr. Schaaf                             |
| † CLOSING SONG                              | One Drop                               |
| † BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE      | Dr. Martin                             |
- Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

# CREATED TO CARE LENTEN PRACTICES

				
Bring your reusable water bottle and coffee cup to church	Unplug the chargers for your cellphone and laptop when you leave your home of office	Buy food from a local farmer's market	Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure = higher fuel consumption	Participate in Earth Hour on March 22 by switching electricity off at 8:30 p.m.
				
Donate to offset your carbon use for longer trips or daily commutes at <a href="http://bit.ly/pcusatreefund">bit.ly/pcusatreefund</a>	Reduce waste by composting, shopping in bulk, and not using single-use plastics	Buy Fair Trade products for your easter baskets like chocolate & teas	Clean up litter in your community or along your favorite walking path or greenway	Consider planting plants that are native to NC in your yard
				
For the easter Cross, gather flowers and plants from around your yard	Walk or bike somewhere instead of driving	Support the circular economy by buying used, repair instead of replace, or donate items you no longer use	Reconnect with nature by taking a hike, going birding, or start a nature journal	Visit the Sardis Prayer Garden after church on Sunday

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Sunday, March 23

3:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House
5:00 p.m.	WAM and Dinner	Rm 205 & Dining Hall
5:00 p.m.	Youth Bells and Choir	Admin. Building
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 25

9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House
10:00 a.m.	Exploring the Bible	Room 210

### Wednesday, March 26

3:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House
7:00 p.m.	Saving Us Book Study	Room 210
7:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study	Off Campus
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Admin Building

### Thursday, March 27

9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House
10:00 a.m.	Saving Us Book Study	Room 210
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

## Announcements

**Bell Ringing During Lent**– Help us communicate to the Lord and community our excitement of His coming and the celebration of Easter by ringing the church bell each day during Lent. This can be done by an individual, family, friends, or a group. Use the QR code below to access the Sign-Up Genius where you will find all necessary information and instructions. You can also sign up at *sardis.org* under the Serving tab, then In The Church.

**SPARK Group Family Dinner and WAM Olympics:** All families with children ages birth-5th grade are invited to share dinner and games together on April 6th at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner together, we will move outside to the Ed Hall Green Space for relay races, games, and celebration as we wrap out our WAM program year. Fun for the whole family! Nursery available for children 3 years and younger.

**Prayer Garden Worship Service:** Join us Sunday, March 30 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. as we gather among the spring blooms on the South Lawn for an intimate outdoor worship service. Together we'll enjoy prayers and songs surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation.

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