









11:00 a.m. Worship • April 27, 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 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



April 27, 2025

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Prélude modal

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
Jean Langlais

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

† CALL TO WORSHIP inspired by Psalm 30 and John 21:1-19 Sally Phillips

Leader: If you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

People: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

People: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning and uncertainty, come here!

People: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Leader: Come, children of God!

All: Let us give blessing, honor and glory to God!

† HYMN #248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sally Phillips

Lord, save us from ourselves. We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results. Lord, save us from doing too much. We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach. Lord, save us from doing too little. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Lord, save us from ourselves. Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me." Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Phillips

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE#581 *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

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

Amanda Hooks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Schaaf

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-14

Dr. Schaaf

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ Is Risen! Now What?

Dr. Schaaf

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN #721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed (8th Century) Sally Phillips
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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

OFFERTORY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!* Alan Smith
 Sanctuary Choir
Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken ev’ry chain! Hark, angelic voices cry.
Singing evermore on high. Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the
cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia! He who
slumbered in the grave, is exalted now to save; through the universe it rings that the Lamb
is King of kings. Alleluia!

† DOXOLOGY #609
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Sally Phillips
SENT BY THE WORD

† HYMN #246 *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO
† BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Dr. Schaaf
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.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
Psalms 19 Benedetto Marcello

The Ushers today are members of the Clerks 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 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)

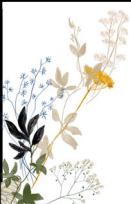
Option 3: Click the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.



Option 4: Place your offering in the offering plate.

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

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
**John and Mary Harwood,
Charlie and Mary Mason, and Ann Fusco**
by Bill and Donna Harwood.*





THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m.-	Red Cross Blood Drive	Ed Hall
12:30 p.m.		
6:00 p.m.	Senior Send Off	Sardis House

Monday, April 28

7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Room 210
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Tuesday, April 29

9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House
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Wednesday, April 30

7:00 p.m.	Pickup Basketball	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	The Lord's Prayer Bible Study	Room 210

Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Sardis House
10:00 a.m.	The Lord's Prayer Bible Study	Room 210
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

Saturday, May 3

3:00 p.m.	Earth Day Festival	Ed Hall
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SARDIS STAFF

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sardis Earth Day Festival is Back!

On Saturday, May 3 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. the whole community is invited to join us on the South Lawn for an epic celebration of our planet! Enjoy live music, kids' activities, crafts, and nature fun. Bring your refillable water bottle for a free Earth Day sticker-rain or shine. Invite your friends and neighbors for a day of community and Earth love!

Sardis Serves Together: Please join us on June 1st from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will start with a combined worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Afterward, lunch will be provided by Community Culinary School of Charlotte. During lunch, our mission partner, Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region, will share their overall mission and NEW ways they are working to build affordable housing and create communities and neighborhoods. After lunch, we will divide into teams to complete multiple projects for Habitat Charlotte and Roof Above. Please register if you plan to attend at sardis.org under the Serving tab.

Mid-Week Bible Study on The Lord's Prayer

Through May 21/22, join Joe B. on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in room 210 or Zoom for a study on The Lord's Prayer. We say this prayer every time we worship together, so many know the words well. Lest they become too routine, let's take a closer look!

A Sardis Welcome and Exploration

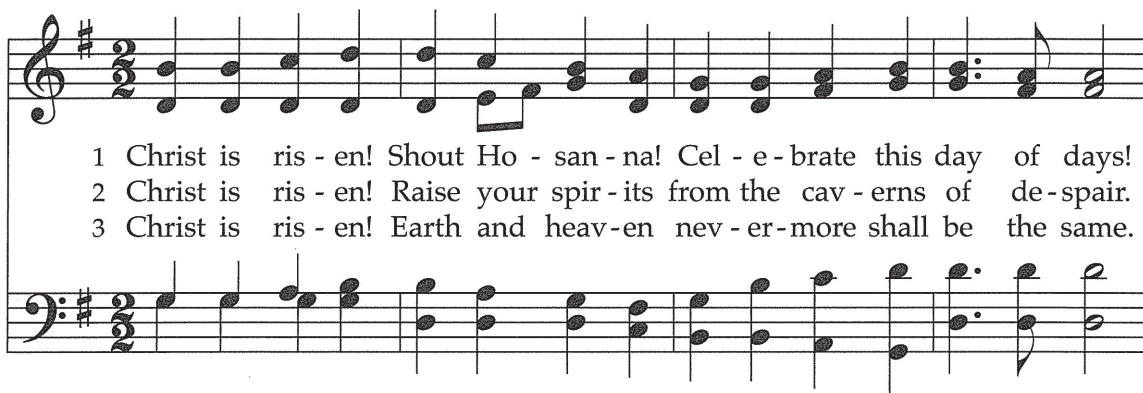
Gathering will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. All visitors are invited to gather with Pastor Allysen Schaaf and other Sardis members for a time of fellowship and to learn more about what Sardis believes as Presbyterians in the PC(USA), Mark your calendars to join us on May 18 at 10:00 a.m. for a campus tour with Senior Pastor, Joe B. Martin.

Sardis Sign-Up Genius! Use this QR code to access any and all Sardis Sign-Ups.

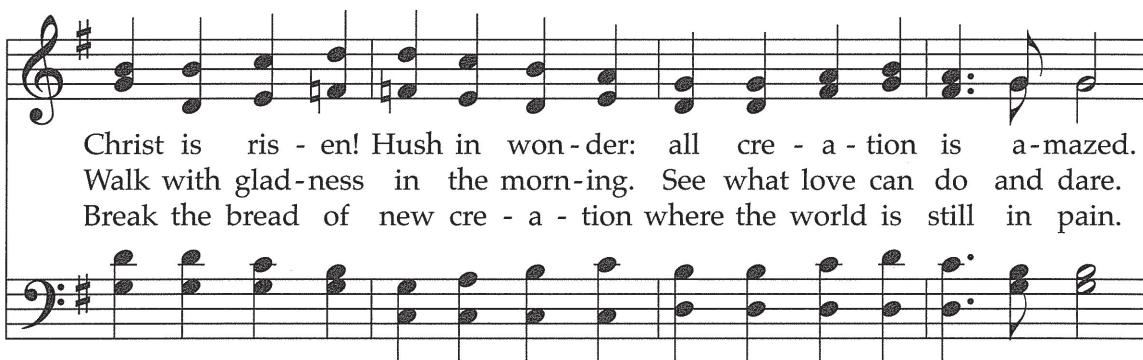


Dr. Martin is out of town this weekend at the annual meeting of the Midway Church and Historical Society. He will return this evening.

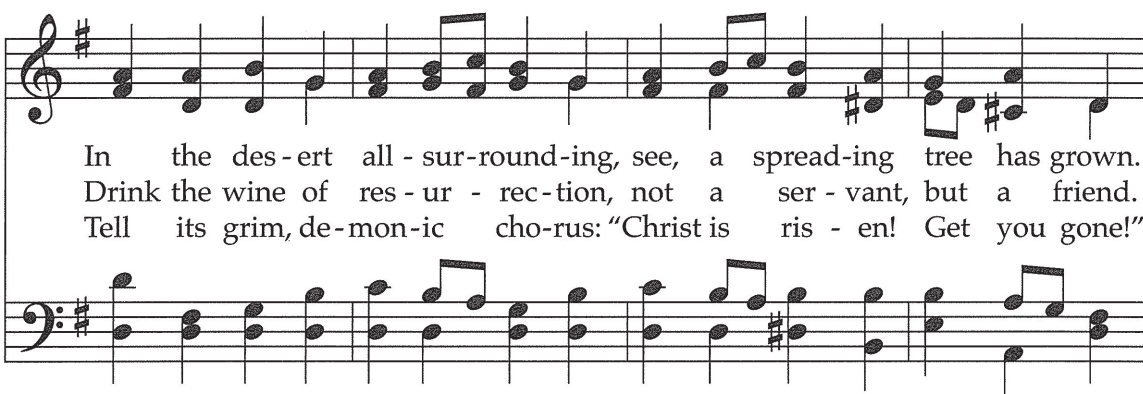
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



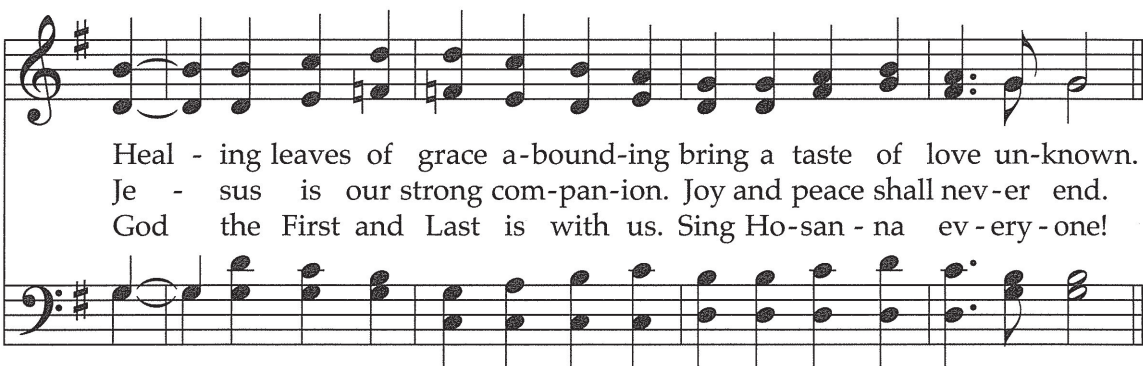
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



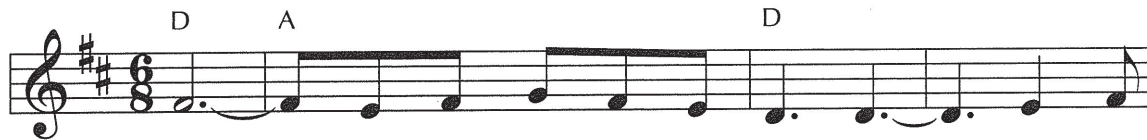
In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



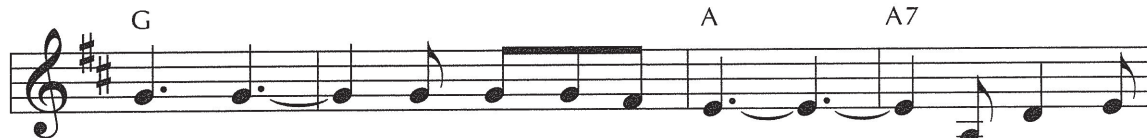
Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

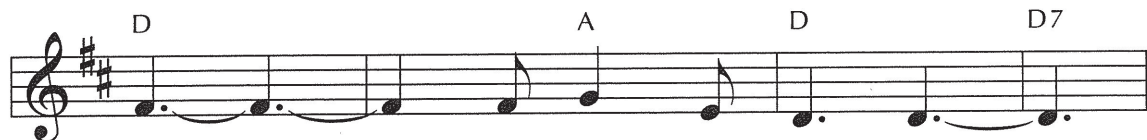
721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; ? you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a

side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descansa,
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.