



## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Sunday, January 14

10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Reception for Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin	Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship @ Inner Peaks Rock Climbing Center, Monroe Rd.	Away

### Monday, January 15

7:00 p.m.	Community Service Ministry	213-214
	Fellowship Ministry	216
	Food Service Ministry	Dining Room
	Recreation & Sports Ministry	217
	Senior Link Ministry	104

### Tuesday, January 16

8:00 a.m.	Friendship Connection	Sardis House
7:00 p.m.	Cong. Life & Care Ministry Mtg.	215

### Wednesday, January 17

9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room
	Youth Sabbath	102-103
7:00 p.m.	Jericho Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Music Room

### Thursday, January 18

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Sardis House
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Admin Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room

### SARDIS STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin, IV	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington	Associate Pastor
Susan W. Chowning	Parish Aide
Dr. Jared T. Daugherty	Minister of Music
Kaitlyn S. Davros	Associate Director of Music/Organist
Jacob H. Hare	Contemporary Worship Leader
John B. Nipe	Technical Arts Coordinator
Adrian D. Martin	Director of Youth Ministries
Heather T. Eddy	Assistant for Programing
Jennifer J. Childers	Director of Administration
Mark J. Slimer	Director of Facilities
Sylvia H. Zwick	Financial Administrator
Robin L. Medlock	Executive Assistant to Sr. Pastor
Nikki L. Bolton	Director of Communications
Danelle R. Kime	Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
Louise C. Lippi	Director of Sardis Weekday School
J. Alfredo Mendoza	Facility Team
Ricardo J. Mendoza	Facility Team
Dennis G. Easter	Facility Team



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**Please join us following worship for a reception in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome Joe B. and his family to Sardis.**

**The Church Office** will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

**Thursday Adult Bible Study** has begun. We meet in the Sardis House at 10:00 a.m. to study the Gospel of Luke. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Jane Fobel.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on Sunday, January 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Education Hall. Please consider donating the gift of life...every blood donation can save up to three lives. Sign-up at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org) or contact Sheri Bartel at [sbartel@windstream.net](mailto:sbartel@windstream.net).

**Sardis Women's Retreat** will be February 9 -11. Make it your new year's resolution to attend this meaningful retreat! Register through January 24, online or turn in a registration form to the church office. More information can be found at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

**Music Ministry:** We have opportunities for you in our two Handbell ensembles and/or the Sanctuary Choir. If you're interested in either of these, contact Jared at [jared.daugherty@sardis.org](mailto:jared.daugherty@sardis.org).

**The season of Lent** is just around the corner. We hope you will plan to join us for the Lenten Breakfasts each Wednesday morning, February 14—March 21, in the Sardis House. More details to come.

**Visit [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org) to find out more about events at Sardis, or pick up this month's issue of *The Communicator* in the Narthex.**

### SARDIS MISSIONARIES:

*Congo*— Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley;  
*Haiti* — Mark Hare and Jenny Bent;  
*Israel-Palestine*— Doug Dicks;  
*Malawi*— Jim and Jodi McGill;  
*Peru*— Rev. Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson



### Sardis' Core Values

- A Family Growing in Faith Together
- Where You Never Walk Alone
- Discover and Follow Your Calling
- Appreciating Our Past; Embracing Our Future
- Serving God by Serving Others

### Mission Statement

The mission of Sardis Presbyterian Church is to glorify God as we seek to live, express and faithfully demonstrate the Great Commandment and Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



We seek to advance this mission through the God-directed purposes of:

**Worship Service**  
**Evangelism**  
**Discipleship**  
**Fellowship**

Today is Dr. Joe B. Martin's first Sunday as pastor at Sardis Presbyterian and we rejoice that you are here to join us as we worship God together.

So whether you are members of Joe B.'s family, longtime local friends of his, members of Sardis, or visitors who just happen to have been led by the Spirit to Sardis today, we welcome you and hope that you will let us know if there is any way our church family can be of assistance to you or your family.

You are invited to join us for a reception for the Martins in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

You are welcome here.

**Please remember to silence all cell phones in the Sanctuary.**

### GET CONNECTED

Breaking news. Exclusive content. Valuable insights. Our church's online community is growing. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter! Get started by clicking on the link at [sardis.org](http://sardis.org).

[Facebook.com/sardispres](https://www.facebook.com/sardispres)

[Twitter.com/sardispres](https://twitter.com/sardispres)

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# WORSHIP

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available on racks in the hall near the Historical Room and the Narthex. Please return the bags to the designated basket by the rack.

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CHILDCARE for infants through age 5 is available during worship in the Preschool building. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are encouraged to worship with their families. †

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COPIES OF THE Sardis Church newsletter, The Communicator, are available in the Narthex and on the website, [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with disposable ear coverings are available. Please speak with an usher and he/she will provide one for you.

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

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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.

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CDs & DVDs of the worship service are available. Contact the church office for details. Audio sermons are available online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

# THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

Δ *Those who are able, please stand.*

## CHIMES

PRELUDE Here I Am, Lord *arr. Vogt*

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Leader: Lord, you have searched me, and you know me; you know my sitting down and my rising up.

**People: You discern my thoughts from afar, and you are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: There is not a word that comes to my lips but that you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**People: Knowledge like yours is too wonderful to me, and so I give you thanks and praise.**

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, you are Creator of all, yet we confess that we have not served you with the fullness of commitment you deserve. You call, O God, but we fail to listen. You ask us to follow, but we go our own way. You offer us new life, but we tread old, familiar paths that are empty and barren.**

*Silent Confession*

**In your mercy, loving God, forgive our sin. Replace our waywardness with faithful trust. Renew our spirits by your Spirit. Free our hearts from the grip of sin. Lead us to follow and serve Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Δ RESPONSE #581 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel  
Welcome and Announcements

† *Children kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to gather at the lectern side transept door. They will go to the Upper Room for Worship Orientation and return to sit with their families at the Doxology.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Page 243

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:43-51 Page 92

SERMON Who Am I and What Am I Supposed to do Here? Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

**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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Δ HYMN OF RESPONSE #726 Will You Come and Follow Me *Kelvingrove*

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Glory to God pg. 35)

## THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Both members and visitors are asked to sign as the register is passed. Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.*

THE OFFERTORY Let the People Praise Thee, O God *Mathias*

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. 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.

*Sanctuary Choir*

Δ DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Δ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Δ HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky *Here I Am*

## Δ BENEDICTION

Δ CHORAL RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You *Lutkin*

POSTLUDE Fanfare *Lemmens*

**Welcome Visitors!** Drop by the Welcome Banner and receive a yellow gift bag of information and other special gifts. Feel free to take any of the materials in the Friendship Register to better acquaint yourself with the activities of Sardis Presbyterian Church.

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**The flowers in the Sanctuary today** are in given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Laedlein by the Laedlein and Beauchemin families.

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**The Offertory Anthem** today was composed for the marriage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, St. Paul's Cathedral, 29 July 1981.

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**Pastoral Emergencies:** On weekends or holidays please call the church office to be directed to the phone number of the pastor on call.

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No cash for the offering plate? Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to [sardis.org](http://sardis.org) and click on "Make a Gift Now," or click the code here to go directly to the secure online form.

