



TODAY AT SARDIS

Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Bells	Music Room
5:00 p.m.	Youth Advisor Meetings	Dining Room
5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Admin Choir Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Monday, October 9

7:00 p.m.	Session Ministry Meetings	Various Rooms
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Tuesday, October 10

7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, October 11

9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	500 th Anniv. of Reformation	Sardis House
	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room
	Youth Sabbath	102-103
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Music Room

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

8:30 p.m.	Youth Friday Night Frenzy	Ed Hall
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Check out our website for information on all events and activities at Sardis — www.sardis.org.

Let's Celebrate! PORTE COCHERE IS COMPLETE!

Join us out under the Porte Cochere for refreshments following Worship today as we celebrate the lovely new Porte Cochere.

THANK YOU for all of the contributions to this project, and to Mark Slimer, our Facilities Director, and the Property Commission for making it happen.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Cleanup Buckets Needed: Presbytery of Charlotte is sponsoring a cleanup bucket drive to help victims of recent hurricanes. Buckets and supply lists are available in the narthex and Gathering Area. Return by October 16th.

Soles 4 Souls: Please bring rubber Croc type clogs of all sizes and colors for our mission trip to Bayonnais in November. Blue collection barrels will be in the Gathering Place and Narthex on Sunday, October 8, 15, and 22. Monetary donations will be used for purchase of shoes. Contact Brenda McKay with questions, brendamckay58@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers needed on Saturday, October 14 for sheetrock installation, and November 11 for flooring. Register online at www.sardis.org, or contact Steve Hoots: steve.hoots@childressklein.com.

Be A Homework Helper! The Sardis after-school program at Rama Elementary School is seeking homework helpers for students in grades 1-3. Teaching experience is not required. Contact Mary Ellen Randall at merandall1@gmail.com by Oct. 15.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Wednesday, October 11: Dr. Richard Burnett, Executive of "Theology Matters", "The Reformation: Why Did it Happen and Why it Matters". Dinner will be from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; presentation from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., in the Sardis House. Register online by Noon on Monday, www.sardis.org.

Sanctuary Choir Poinsettia Sale: October 1—November 3, order online at www.sardis.org or in the Gathering Place on Sundays. Pick up will be on December 2 at the church.

Want to know more about joining Sardis? You are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, October 22, at Noon in the Dining Room of the Education Building. After lunch, Dr. McKechnie will give a perspective on the church from 30,000 feet. No pressure! If you would like to attend, please notify Robin Medlock —704.366.1854, or robin.medlock@sardis.org.

M&M's Buckaroos, Boots & BBQ (Mature & Marvelous ages 55 and older): Friday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Sardis House. Entertainment by Sardis own Throne Together. \$10 per person / your payment is your RSVP. Deadline is Monday, October 23. Make payment with cash or check made out to Anne Sweeney. Leave payment in the Church Office or give to Anne or Linda Tucker.



**Saturday, October 21
4:00—6:00 p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ...

to help with games or decorating your car for trunk or treat! Signup online or contact Lora Zalaquett at lorazalaquett@gmail.com.

This outdoor, family-friendly Halloween event will be fun for all!

BOUNCE HOUSE — MAGICIAN — TRUNK OR TREAT



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**

Welcome to Sardis Presbyterian Church.

All of us from the beginning of time have been part of a much bigger story than our own. We are invited to be part of the Body of Christ – the Church. Our story is being written by God's creative hand. Through our faith in Jesus Christ as God's son and our Savior, we are part of a great redemptive parade.

You are invited to be part of that unfolding story. We do not live in a mechanistic world ruled by chance. We live in a world ruled by God who loves us. That characterizes Sardis Presbyterian Church.

Please remember to turn off 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.

[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 2nd 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.

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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.

THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

Δ Those who are able, please stand.

CHIMES

PRELUDE Sortie Breve on "St. Anne" *arr. Good*

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. David G. McKechnie

Pastor: My friends, why are you here?

People: To glorify God and enjoy him.

Pastor: What do you need?

People: Power to live an authentic life. Freedom to be honest. Joy to communicate. Hope to begin again. Daring to become involved in the wounds of the world.

Pastor: These are gifts to be discovered in the giver of life himself. He is here as he promised. Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #49 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

PRAYER OF PRAISE The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we often long for answers that only you can give. Many times we ask our questions and simply let them lie. We forget that to find, we must first seek.

O Lord, forgive our laziness in seeking your will. Forgive us for working harder to entertain ourselves than we work toward knowing you.

Mighty God, renew in each of us a deep sense of commitment to seek your will in all things. Grant us the discipline to make that commitment a reality; for we make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all things are made clean and new. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Welcome and Announcements

Interview with Mark Slimmer, Director of Facilities

DEDICATION PRAYER FOR THE PORTE COCHERE

Almighty God, no building can adequately contain your glory or display the magnitude of your love. Thank you for encouraging the many friends of this congregation that have graciously given to the completion of our Porte Cochere. May this addition to our facilities serve not only as a shelter but also as an expression of compassion. Save us from vain display so that, traveling light, we may move through the world showing your generous love, made known in Jesus Christ. So, we dedicate this addition to the glory of God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 9:23-27 Page 8

Δ HYMN OF INSPIRATION #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

Children first grade and younger are excused to the Narthex during the hymn. They will then be led to the Nursery.

SERMON LESSON I Kings 18: selected Page 324

SERMON Water It A Third Time!

Δ 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.

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 There Be Light *Courtney 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 #610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Azmon*
Verses 1,4 & 5

Δ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Little Partita on "Ein Feste Burg" *arr. Good*

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 today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nate Sumwalt on his thirteenth birthday by his parents, Christa and Vernon Sumwalt, and his siblings, Andrew, Ryan, and Ellore Sumwalt.

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Pastoral Emergencies: On weekends or holidays please call the church office to be directed to the Pastoral Care Voicemail. Please leave a message, including a call-back number, and a Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

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

