



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	Ed Hall
9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Elementary Fellowship	Ed Hall
	Youth Bells	Music Room
5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Admin Choir Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 12

7:00 p.m.	Session Ministry Meetings	Various Rooms
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Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

6:45 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast	Sardis House
9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Sabbath	102-103
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

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

TODAY AT SARDIS • 3:30 P.M.

SAINT-SAENS ORGAN SYMPHONY - featuring Kaitlyn Davros, Organist -

The Charlotte Civic Orchestra presents a special performance of Camille Saint-Saens' Organ Symphony (Symphony no. 3 in c Minor, Op. 78). Also on the program is Edward Elgar's 'In the South', concert overture, Op. 50.

Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12, Families \$40.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

You are invited to the Installation of Reverend Doctor Joe B. Martin, IV as Pastor of Sardis Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 25, 2018

3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The 2017 Annual Report of Sardis Presbyterian Church is available for pickup in the Narthex and online at sardis.org.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

The 10¢ A Meal offering will be collected today as you leave Worship. These funds benefit hunger programs within our area.

Today is Basketball Sunday. The basketball program at Sardis, consisting of 224 players and 24 teams in all age groups, boys and girls, was recognized at the 9:00 a.m. service. The support Sardis Presbyterian Church provides for this program is very much appreciated.

Women's Retreat: This weekend, 50 women have been on retreat at Dogwood on Lake Norman, led by Allison Rosser Barnhill and Jacob Hare. Please remember them in prayer as they return home today.

The Friendship Connection will meet on February 20 in the Sardis House at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Tony Marciano, Exec. Dir. of Charlotte Rescue Mission, will discuss, "Is It Possible to Change? Stories of Hope." Lunch will follow at 12:00 noon (\$10/person) and reservations are required for lunch by noon on Friday, February 16. Register online at www.sardis.org or call the reservation line, 704-926-1590.

Special Concert: On March 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Shorter Chorale of Shorter University in Rome, GA, will be with us for a concert as part of the choir tour celebrating 50 years of singing together.

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Ash Wednesday Service

- February 14, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Lenten Breakfasts

- Wednesday mornings, Feb. 14—March 21
- 6:45 — 7:30 a.m. in the Sardis House
- Breakfast is \$8 per person each week.
- Register for each week at sardis.org or call the reservation line at 704.926.1590.

Midweek Study Opportunity

- Joe B. Martin will lead a Lenten Bible Study based on the Beatitudes.
- Meets February 21 - March 28
- Offered at two times each Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- To order a copy of the Resource Book, (\$10) and register for the series, contact Jane Fobel, jane.fobel@sardis.org, or call 704.366.1854.



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



In lieu of the flu...

So that everyone is healthy enough to come back next Sunday, you might replace handshakes with fist bumps and make use of the hand sanitizer in the Narthex.

Inquirer's Class

Interesting in becoming a member?

Mark your calendar and join Joe B. on Sunday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room to find out more about Sardis Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and becoming a member of the Sardis family.

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.

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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 Weekday School 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.

THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

Δ *Those who are able, please stand.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE Adagio from Symphony No. 5 *Widor*

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.
People: God's love endures forever.

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #63 The Lord Is God *Azmon*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of glory, the light of your holiness exposes us in our sinfulness. You hear the secret thoughts we hide from each other. You see the wretched lives we dress up in our Sunday best. You know the motives behind our deeds: so often for our own gain, so seldom for your glory. In your grace, forgive us, God. Help us to know our sins that we might repent of them truly. Lead us into the light of your glory, through mercy and forgiveness, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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 The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Page 163
Leviticus 19:17-18, 33-34 Page 106,107

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 9:2-9 Page 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Children first grade and younger are invited to the Narthex (main entrance to the Sanctuary) to be led to the nursery by one of our Deacons. Parents may pick up their child after worship in the Weekday School building, left of the Sanctuary.

SERMON Keep Your Elbow In

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —from A Brief Statement of Faith
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 women and men 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 peoples 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 new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Δ HYMN OF RESPONSE #693 Though I May Speak *Gift of Love*

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 Christ's Flock *Shaw*

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glittering glorious King, O praises bring from every living thing: Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Karen Carpenter, soloist; 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 #547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *Ar Hyd y nos*

Δ BENEDICTION
Following the benediction, many of our members choose to sit and reflect on the worship service during the postlude. If you are visiting today, please feel free to use this time to go and speak to one of our pastors in the Narthex, located at the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

POSTLUDE Love Divine, All Love's Excelling *Hustad*

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 given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John, Rheba, and Mike Thomasson by the Thomasson family.

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Baptism today of Madison and Carson McCutcheon, children of Cameron and Allison Cox McCutcheon. The assisting Elder is Dave Archer.

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The Prelude today is the fourth movement of Charles-Marie Widor's fifth symphony for organ, written in 1879. This slow and reflective movement, "Adagio", is a great contrast to the more popular fifth movement, known as "Toccata".

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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 and click on "Make a Gift Now," or click the code here to go directly to the secure online form.

