



## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
	What We Believe SS Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers	Music Room
5:15 p.m.	Agape Singers	Admin Choir Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 11

6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting	Room 214
	Stewardship Ministry	Room 212
7:00 p.m.	Administration Ministry	Room 214
	Faith Formation	Room 211
	Personnel Ministry	Dining Room
	Worship Ministry	Room 213

### Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall
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### Wednesday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Music Room
11:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study	Plantation Est. Bradbury Rm
4:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn	Sardis House
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room
	HS & MS Sabbath	Ed Hall
	Lenten Bible Study	Room 210
7:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Music Room

### Thursday, March 14

10:00 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study	Room 210
6:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	Room 210
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room

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



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**Spring/Summer Clothing Drive:** It's time to clean out those closets again and donate the warm weather clothing you no longer wear to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Sardis will hold a Spring/Summer Clothing Drive March 10-24. Please follow these instructions for clothing donations:

- Remove clothing from hangers
- Fold clothing and place in bags that will fit in the donations bins
- Place bagged clothing in the collection bins in the hallway by the Library in the Education Hall.

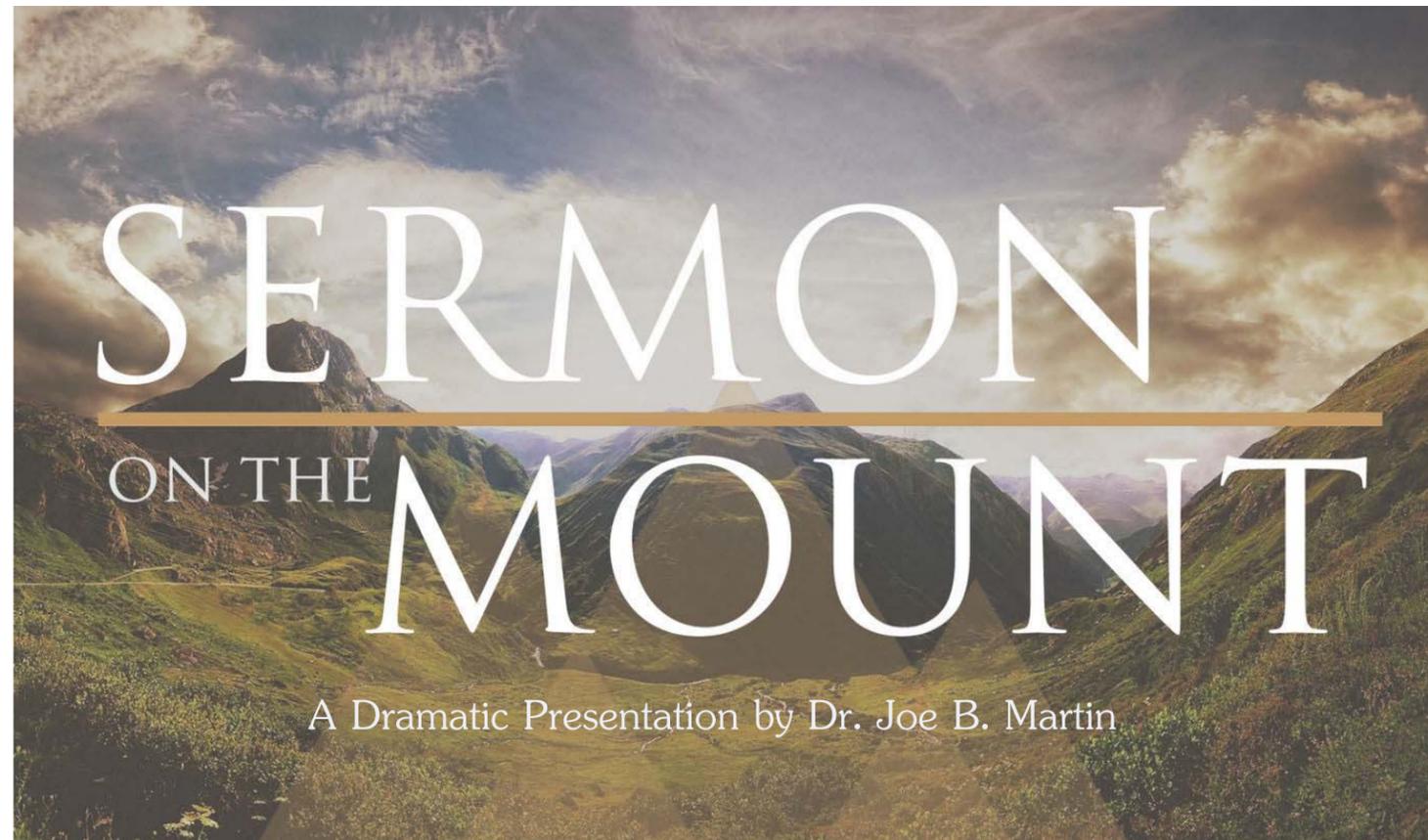
**Friendship Connection**, a fellowship group for retirees, will meet on Tuesday, March 19 in the Sardis House at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Aaron McAlexander. He has published several books which contain stories from growing up in Southwestern, Virginia and his program will feature those stories.

Lunch, \$10 a person, will follow and reservations are needed for lunch. Make your lunch reservation by Friday, March 15 at noon by registering online, [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org), or calling the reservation line, 704.926.1590.

**Lenten Bible Study:** Between the Testaments: The 400 Years Between Malachi and Matthew — March 13/14 thru April 17/18. Class options:

- Plantation Estates: Wednesday mornings, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Bradbury Room
- Sardis: Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 210
- Sardis: Thursday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 210

Registration is not necessary. If you miss a class, feel free to attend one of the other times.



A Dramatic Presentation by Dr. Joe B. Martin

First Sunday in Lent

## 2019 Statement of Purpose

# Equipping

## Sardis for God's Mission

Our purpose is to develop and equip disciples of Jesus Christ who will impact the world in every aspect of their lives to the glory of God by:

- **Praising** God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;
- **Learning** about God's will for our lives through Holy Scripture;
- **Loving** one another unconditionally;
- **Serving** our neighbors near and far;
- **Sharing** from the material and spiritual gifts with which we have been blessed to provide hope for a world in need of it.



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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. Just give us information in the pew Friendship Pad for how you prefer to be contacted.

**You are welcome here.**

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

## A Book of My Own

Today kicks off our A Book of My Own Drive that provides books for summer reading for Rama Road Elementary students. Donations of \$5 provide books for one child. Donations of \$100 provide books for an entire class.

> **March 10 - April 1**



**Did you know you could text to give?**

**Text: Sardis Book + Amount to 73256 (i.e. Sardis Book 20)**

**You can also give online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org) or pick-up a donation card in the Gathering Place or Church Office.**



Sardis Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

# WORSHIP



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available on racks in the hall near door by the pulpit and the Narthex (main entrance). Please return the bags to the designated basket by the rack.

CHILDCARE for infants through age 6 is available during worship in the Weekday School building. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are encouraged to worship with their families.

THE CHAPEL (through the doors to left of the pulpit) is available for those who would like to worship through a video feed from the Sanctuary (ex: families with young children, those with health challenges).

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

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

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

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.

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

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Contemplation  
*Alpha Ringers*

*Dobrinski*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

Leader: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

**People: For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.**

† HYMN#396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Holy Manna*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we thank you for your will to forgive, but confess that we sometimes find it hard to forgive others. Help us to forgive these people we lift up to you in silence.**

*Time for silent forgiveness.*

**God of mercy, forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

† RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: A Book of My Own

Anne Hollowell

*Both members and visitors are asked to sign as the register is passed.*

EQUIPPING YOUNG DISCIPLES

*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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

SCRIPTURE/SERMON

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount  
Matthew 5-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN MEDITATION Prelude from Prelude, Fugue, and Variations *Franck*  
*Kaitlyn Davros, organist*

*Questions for reflection:*

What did you hear?

How is Jesus calling you to live differently?

† HYMN #172

Blest Are They

*Blest are They*

† 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal pg. 35)

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Please place your Prayer Request Cards in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health

*Byrd*

*Sanctuary Choir*

† RESPONSE #643 vs. 3

Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now are given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN #372

O For a World

*Azmon*

† BENEDICTION

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

**Welcome Visitors!** Drop by the Welcome Table near the main door to speak to someone about Sardis Presbyterian Church and receive more information about all of our ministries.

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**The Ushers** for today's service are members of the Missions Ministry.

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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?** We have other 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 (ex. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)

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

