

3rd grade BIBLE PRESENTATION

The following third grade students are receiving Bibles today from the Christian Education Ministry.

Amelia Brownlee	Lincoln Devin	Wilson Leslie	Rowan Smith
Martha Denny	Max Harrington	Murron Miller	Elise Yount
	Maddie Hight	Emery Pressly	



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, April 15

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Inquirer's Class	Dining Room
	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Bells	Music Room
5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir	Admin Choir Room
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Sardis Centering Prayer Group	Parlor

Monday, April 16

7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Ministry Meetings	213-214
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Tuesday, April 17

11:00 a.m.	Friendship Connection	Sardis House
7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Sardis House
7:00 p.m.	Parent/Youth Basketball	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Next Sunday, April 22, 2018:

1. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a Congregational Meeting.
2. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to serve as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, elect at-large members of the Officer Nominating Committee, and review the terms of call of the pastors.
3. The Give One Day service project, beginning with lunch in the Education Hall, will begin immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Sunday, April 29, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. One person can save three lives! Sign-up online to participate at sardis.org.

QPR Training: Join the Youth Ministry on Sunday, April 29, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for QPR, a program designed to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. This is a free seminar and is open to everyone in 8th grade and up. For more information, contact Adrian Martin at 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

Community Service Day

GIVE ONE DAY

Join Sardis next Sunday, April 22, for an incredible day filled with serving others and fellowship.

This is an event for ALL ages!
FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS!

Sunday School | 9:00 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary | 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship

Lunch in the Education Hall | 11:00 a.m.
(Donations accepted.)

Service Project in Fellowship Hall | 11:30 a.m.

Help us feed over 30,000 people!

Sign-up at sardis.org or with your smart device now!



Welcome to Sardis Presbyterian Church.

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.

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)

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WORSHIP



April 15, 2018

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.

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.

COPIES OF THE Sardis Church newsletter, The Communicator, are available in the Narthex and on the website, www.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.

THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

† Those who are able, please stand.

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Coventry Ringers

Hodges

† CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: Enter to courts of the Lord with Praise!

† HYMN #510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, you sent Jesus Christ into this world that we would know your love and share your life.

Yet we resist you, and fail to walk in your ways.

Your good news becomes stale to us; we lose our awe at your power over sin and death.

We allow the cares of this world to rob us of our Easter joy.

Cleanse our hearts, O God. Remind us that we belong to you.

Nurture us in the life abundant, that we would grow into the full stature of our calling as your children.

Give us zeal in our living, and keep us pure, that our witness may be true and vibrant in service to you through the Lord, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE #581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission: Give One Day

The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Sheri Bartel

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES
TO THIRD GRADERS

PRAYER FOR BIBLE RECIPIENTS and FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, when these children were baptized, we promised to tell them about the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and to strengthen their family ties with the household of God. As we present them with these Bibles, we pledge ourselves anew to this promise and pray that as we hear your Word read today, we all will grow in our understanding of your will for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

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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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Am His Child
Agape Singers

Hogan

SERMON

Christ in the Flesh

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from "A Declaration of Faith" (1976)

Jesus was God in the flesh.

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers

that enslaved and degraded people,

yet he made no use of power to protect himself.

He healed those who were sick in body and mind,

yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.

He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him

above loyalty to family and country,

yet he lived among them as a servant.

Jesus taught with authority,

challenging many time-honored customs and ideas,

yet he submitted to humiliation and death

without a word on his own behalf.

He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners.

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.

He did what only God can do.

We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.

When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death

the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.

In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God,

God with us.

† HYMN #104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet will ich dir Geben

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (hymnal 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

Abide with Me
Sanctuary Choir

Martin

† 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.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN #295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

† BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction
Agape Singers

Following the choral response, 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

Grand Choer

Franck

Welcome Visitors! Drop by the Welcome Banner and receive a 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 appreciation of the Pastoral Staff of Sardis Presbyterian.

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We remember in prayer: the Middle School youth and leaders on a beach retreat, returning today.

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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.

