



## TODAY AT SARDIS

### Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	102-103
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth Bell Rehearsal	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



## THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

### Monday, April 24

7:00 p.m.	Session meeting	211-212
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### Wednesday, April 26

9:30 a.m.	Alpha Ringers	Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Middle School Sabbath	102-103
7:00 p.m.	It's Just Dinner	Sardis House
7:30 p.m.	Coventry Ringers	Music Room

### Thursday, April 27

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Dining Room
5:15 p.m.	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Admin Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room

### SARDIS STAFF

The Rev. Dr. David G. McKechnie	Interim Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Alice A. Johnson	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

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



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT



**Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a few hours of food, fellowship and serving others. Our goal is to package enough meals to feed 30,000 people around the world. This event is for ALL ages! FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS!**

**New Member Classes** will begin on Sunday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Administrative Building. We will then have a gathering at the home of Ruth and Brett Harris on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. Our next class will be Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. and those joining will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. service. Anyone interested in learning more about Sardis and possibly becoming a member is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Rev. Alice Johnson at [alice.johnson@sardis.org](mailto:alice.johnson@sardis.org), or 704-366-1854.

**New Church Office hours** beginning Monday, May 1:

- Monday–Thursday -8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m.)
- Friday - 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Treble Trot 5k Fun Run, May 6:** A great event to help support all the Youth involved in the growing Music Program at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Be sure to bring the family. Runners and walkers of all fitness levels welcome!! T-shirts are guaranteed to runners that register by TODAY, April 23. Registration details are available online at [www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org).

**Retirement Reception for Alice Johnson** will be on Sunday, May 7. Worship with us at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary then join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. to help us celebrate Alice's 33 years at Sardis.



So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us...

*2 Corinthians 5:20*

### 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**

Some of us are here today out of habit, some out of a world of hurt, some of us out of a desire for solace, some of us out of a need for a healing touch, some out of a need for counsel, and some of us out of a need to express our gratitude.

Whatever your agenda, you are in the presence of God and the people of God. We have prayed that in this hour of worship the Holy Spirit will minister to our personal needs. We dare to believe that will happen.

Welcome to Sardis Presbyterian Church in the name of Jesus Christ; creator, redeemer and sustainer.

**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](http://sardis.org).

- [Facebook.com/sardispres](https://www.facebook.com/sardispres)
- [Twitter.com/sardispres](https://twitter.com/sardispres)
- [Instagram.com/sardispres](https://www.instagram.com/sardispres)



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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 All Things Bright and Beautiful *Butler*  
*Alpha Ringers*

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

Pastor: Today is a new day!

**People: We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings.**

Pastor: Christ is with us!

**People: Christ is with us indeed!**

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #246 Christ is Alive *Truro*

PRAYER OF PRAISE The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth, what an amazing universe you have spread before us. Each day we are greeted with the richness of life: with relationships which nurture and challenge, with missions accomplished and justice to be done. Each day is filled with possibility, yet we confess there have been many times we have failed to see this. There is much to be done, but we have complained of boredom. Other times we have lost track of your presence and calling because we have been just too busy rushing about in our own lives. Set us loose from our preoccupation with our separate lives and open us up to the richness of life lived in love. Move us toward you and one another. 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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Rejoice in the Lord *Lindner*  
*Children's Choir and Young Children*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Δ HYMN OF INSPIRATION #408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SERMON LESSON John 21:1-19 Page 115

SERMON "Let Loose in the World"

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 Rev. Alice A. Johnson

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 I Will Sing with the Spirit *Rutter*  
I will sing with the spirit, alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.

*Sanctuary Choir*

Δ DOXOLOGY #606

**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 Here I Am, Lord *Here I Am*

Δ BENEDICTION

Δ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! *Halle, Halle*  
*Choir first time, congregation joins on the second time*  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Truro" *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 Ryan Strawn by the Strawn family

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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.

