

Happy Mother's Day!



TODAY AT SARDIS

Sunday, May 14

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Monday, May 15

7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Ministry Meetings	Various rooms
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Wednesday, May 17

7:00 p.m.	Jericho Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Thursday, May 18

6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Admin Choir Room
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LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Adult Sunday School: We will have one Adult Sunday School class meeting in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Below is the schedule of dates and speakers.

- June 4: Dale Mullinex, Exec. Director of Urban Ministry Center/Room in the Inn
- June 11: Dave McKechnie, "Fifty Years of Marriage and Ministry"
- June 18: Jane Fobel, "Speaking the Truth in Love"
- June 25: Leighton Ford, "The Book That Reads You"
- July 2: No Sunday School, one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- July 9: Katie Harrington, "Re-creation: The Spiritual Practice of Play"
- July 16: Rick Thames, "A Voice To The Voiceless"
- July 23: Brenda McKay / Dr. Pressly Gilbert – Haiti Mission
- July 30: Jacob Hare, Contemporary Christian Music
- August 6: Youth Summer Trips Report



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

High School and College Graduates: We would like to recognize your achievement in the June Communicator. All fall 2016 and Spring and Summer 2017 graduates should submit their information (including name, school, and degree) to nikki.bolton@sardis.org by May 15.

Come Sing in the Summer Choir! This summer, we will be continuing our worship schedule offering two different styles of worship: at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with our praise band, led by Jacob, and at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. July 2 will be an exception: combined worship at 10 a.m. Beginning June 18, the singing in our 11 a.m. worship service will be led by a "summer choir." Those who would like to sing on a given Sunday are invited to come and rehearse at 10 a.m. Please contact Jared if you have any questions at jared.daugherty@sardis.org.

Help us celebrate Dr. McKechnie's 50th anniversary in ministry!

On May 28, worship with us at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, then join us for a celebration luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required for the luncheon. Make your reservations at www.sardis.org or by calling 704.926.1590.



Vacation Bible School will run July 10 - 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. All children old enough to enter 4-year old Preschool in the fall, through rising 5th grade are eligible to attend VBS. Registration is now open! \$25 for volunteers or \$40 for non-volunteers. Register and pay online at www.sardis.org, or download the registration form to mail in with payment.

Can you volunteer? Contact Heather Eddy at heather.eddy@sardis.org.

Walk IN A MANNER
worthy OF THE LORD,
FULLY PLEASING TO HIM,
bearing fruit IN EVERY GOOD WORK
AND INCREASING IN THE
KNOWLEDGE OF God.

Colossians 1:10



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**

Together, we celebrate God's abundant grace and love. We look to the Holy Spirit to guide us in our worship, education, mission, and witness. Our signature is compassionate care for all. Your presence helps enhance our celebration today.

Grace is God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ for those who don't deserve it.

Welcome to 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)
- [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 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

Nettleton

arr. Martin

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. David G. McKechnie

Pastor: We worship in the spirit of the One who unites us all;

People: In the spirit of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us remember that we are God's chosen people;

People: Chosen to be God's servants in the world.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Δ HYMN OF PRAISE #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

PRAYER OF PRAISE

The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious God, you give us the marvelous gift of fathers and mothers, to nurture us, to shepherd us, and to prepare us for self-directed lives beyond the home. We acknowledge that all too often we fail to return their love, to honor their trust, to gladden them with even minor expressions of appreciation. Forgive us. Help us not only to honor them but also warmly to love those through whom you have given us the gift of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

TO THIRD GRADERS

The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

PRAYER FOR BIBLE RECIPIENTS

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. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A Mother's Love
Children's Choir

Patterson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

II Timothy 1:3-7

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Δ HYMN OF

INSPIRATION #833

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

SERMON LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

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DIALOGUE SERMON

"Talking Back" with Sheri M. Joseph

Δ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God as the ultimate reality and the real source of our being.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the authentic man, whose honesty and love are the source of our true humanity. We accept his revolutionary way for our changing times.

We believe in the Spirit of God, whose coming alive in us frees us for genuine love and clear witness to the truth.

We affirm our oneness as God's people for confession, prayer, study, mission, and celebration to expose us to one another and bind us together in Christ. 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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne. Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings, where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

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 #524

God Be With You
Till We Meet Again

God Be With You

Δ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. 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 Max's parents, Betty and Max McLeod, Sr. and his grandparents, Kate and Neal McGinnis by Cindy and Max McLeod, Jr.

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The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Harrison and Caroline Trammell Brooks who were married here on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

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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.

