



TODAY AT SARDIS

Sunday, August 13

10:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	102-103
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	HS Spontaneous Combustion	Away



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Monday, August 14

7:00 p.m.	Session Ministry Meetings	Various Rooms
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Tuesday, August 15

9:30 a.m.	Youth Cooking Camp	Dining Room
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Wednesday, August 16

9:30 a.m.	Youth Cooking Camp	Dining Room
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Thursday, August 17

9:30 a.m.	Youth Cooking Camp	Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Sardis House
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Admin Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 19

10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Francis Property
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Music at Sardis

The Music Ministry at Sardis welcomes all skill levels and strives to enrich spiritual growth through music. Opportunities to learn and share your musical gifts are available in vocal, handbell, and contemporary ensembles for all ages to support our two worship services. Contact Jared, Kaitlyn, or Jacob to learn how to be involved. All rehearsals are held in the Administration Building. Scheduled rehearsals begin soon! Please see the start dates and times below.

Sanctuary Choir: Aug. 24, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Children's Choir: September 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Bells: September 10, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Youth Choir: September 10, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Alpha Ringers: September 20, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Coventry Ringers: September 20, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

The 2017-2018 Sunday School program year will begin Sunday, September 10. We look forward to an exciting year for children, youth, and adults.

Want to know more about joining Sardis? You are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, August 20, at Noon in the Dining Room of the Education Building. After lunch, Dr. McKechnie will give a perspective on the church from 30,000 feet. No pressure! Whether or not you choose to join, how about just participating in the luncheon and allow us to get better acquainted? If you would like to attend, please notify Robin Medlock so she may plan accordingly. You may reach her by phone at 704-366-1854, or by email at robin.medlock@sardis.org.

Blessing of the Animals:

Gather your beloved pets and join us on the Francis Property on Saturday, August 19 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases will be on Sunday, August 27. Bring your backpack, briefcase, computer bag, or purse and join us at our 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship services!

Check out our website for information on all events and activities at Sardis. www.sardis.org

Construction Zone:

The porte cochere project is progressing nicely. When entering or exiting the Narthex from the main parking area, please use the sidewalk along the side of the Sanctuary, or use the side door entrance into the Sanctuary. We apologize for any inconvenience.



"Therefore:

be: **CAREFUL** how you walk,
not as unwise: men"

but as: **WISE**,
making the: **MOST**
of your time;

because:
the: days: are: evil!"

Ephesians 5:15-16

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**

Sardis Presbyterian Church participates in a worldwide family of Reformed Churches through Charlotte Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Thank you for joining in worship with us today. It is our prayer that in this hour we will sense the presence of God, experience God's grace in Jesus Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be redemptive catalysts in this world.

God bless you and all for whom you care.

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

Twitter.com/sardispres

Instagram.com/sardispres

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 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

Tocatta in F

Buxtehude

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 #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

PRAYER OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. But you have kept faith with us. Have mercy on us; strip us of all that is un-Christian, and help us to live up to our calling; 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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

John Bell, soloist

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:9-21
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The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

Δ HYMN OF

INSPIRATION #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Children first grade and younger are excused to the Narthex following the hymn. They will then be escorted to the nursery.

SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

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SERMON

Right On Time!

PRAYER FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

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

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

Summer Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Δ THE PEACE

Δ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Choir and Congregation sings)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Δ BENEDICTION

You are invited to be seated as the postlude brings our worship service to a close.

POSTLUDE

Toccatto festivo

Janzer

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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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the Presbyterian Church (USA) communion is offered "to all who have been baptized, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love."

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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.

