



TODAY AT SARDIS

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Kick Off	Ed Hall
10:00 a.m.	Elementary Parent Orientation	Dining Room
	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
11:00 a.m.	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



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m.	Session Ministry Meetings	Various rooms
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Tuesday, September 12

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

6:00 p.m.	Youth Sabbath	102-103
	Children's Choir	Admin Choir Room

Thursday, September 14

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Sardis House
6:30 p.m.	Throne Together	Admin Choir Room
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Admin Choir Room

Friday, September 15

4:00 p.m.	Fall Confirmation Retreat	Away
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FISH, FEATHERS & FIDDLES

The famous Sardis Fish Fry is back!

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on Saturday, September 16. Our live country band will kick off at 5:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy:



**LIVE MUSIC
DANCING
KIDS GAMES**



MENU: (cooking with peanut oil)

Fried Fish (flounder)	Hush Puppies
Fried Chicken	Country Style Baked Beans
Fried Corn on the Cob	Variety of Desserts
Iced Tea & Lemonade	Kids Food

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (under 10). Register and pay online or call the reservation line at 704.926.1590 and pay at the event.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

The Music Ministry of Sardis wants you! If you have any interest in singing or handbell ringing, please contact Jared at jared.daugherty@sardis.org.

Pickleball is now on Tuesday each week. This fun combination of badminton, tennis, and ping pong, is open to youth and adults (middle school and above). Come check out what it is all about on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Connection is a fellowship group for retirees. Join us on Tuesday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sardis House for lunch and to hear from Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce. He will lead us in "Reflection on the Eclipse". The cost is \$10 per person. You may register and pay online or call 704.926.1590 to register and pay at the door.

Youth Basketball registration is now open for boys and girls, ages 5 - 18. Practice begins November 1. Register and pay online, or download a registration form to mail in along with payment, at sardis.org. Forms are also available for pick-up in the church office or Gathering Place.

A Congregational Meeting will be held at the beginning of 11:00 Worship on Sunday, September 24, 2017 to elect Officers to the Class of 2020. You will find information on the nominees for Elder and Deacon in the September issue of *The Communicator* and you may view their photographs in the Gathering Place.

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

Construction Zone: The porte cochere project is almost complete. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience while construction is ongoing.



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**

Welcome to Sardis Presbyterian Church.

All of us from the beginning of time have been part of a much bigger story than our own. We are invited to be part of the Body of Christ – the Church. Our story is being written by God's creative hand. Through our faith in Jesus Christ as God's son and our Savior, we are part of a great redemptive parade.

You are invited to be part of that unfolding story. We do not live in a mechanistic world ruled by chance. We live in a world ruled by God who loves us. That characterizes 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)

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

Intrada
Jericho Brass Melchior Franck

Δ CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dr. David G. McKechnie

Pastor: Let us praise God and declare the wonders that he does for all people!

People: For God gives satisfaction to the empty life and is slow to express anger.

Pastor: The faithful love of the Lord persists; he remembers that we are his children.

People: He is close to us and fills the hearts of his children with joy. For we are not dealt with according to our sins but according to his mercy.

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Δ HYMN OF

PRAISE #409 God Is Here! *Abbot's Leigh*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we admit to you that we have failed to be the people you meant us to be. When duty has called we have shirked it. We have defended ourselves with excuses which did not convince us, let alone deceive you. We are sorry for our failures, which have hurt us, as well as others. We resolve to put right what can be put right. As for those mistakes which cannot be changed and constantly accuse us, we surrender them to you. Save us from being haunted by them. Release us from their burden, so that we can step into the future unafraid, knowing that, even if we fail, failure does not put us out of reach of your help, which comes to us 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

Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Les Ingles

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

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Δ HYMN OF

INSPIRATION #738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *Maryton*

Children first grade and younger are excused to the Narthex during the hymn. They will then be led to the Nursery.

SERMON LESSON

II Corinthians 5:17-21

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SERMON

What's Your Label?

Δ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

The Rev. Dr. Jane B. Fobel

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Sanctuary Choir

Schrader

Δ 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.**

Δ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Δ HYMN OF

AFFIRMATION #611 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

Δ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Flute Sonata
Jericho Brass

Telemann

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 by Robbie and Nancy Wait Miller to honor their parents Charlie and Frances Wait and Robert and Saralyn Miller on the occasion of Robbie and Nancy's Sardis sanctuary wedding fifty years ago.

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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.

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.

