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Deadlines

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Our theme for Stewardship this Fall is Given Grace/Giving Grace. That is because we have so much to be thankful for as a congregation as we have moved through these most difficult of days. Most of our church activities have opened fully. We are enjoying fellowship and worship together and looking forward to renewing our commitment to mission and outreach. We have been given grace, and so we have much to give!

A pledge card has been mailed out to each of our member families and we hope that you have been able to give prayerful thought to how you are being called to give grace through financial support of our ministries. The Finance Committee is hoping that those who are able to increase their pledge will consider doing so since they are proposing to increase our budget by 3% to accommodate growing inflation.

We plan to dedicate our pledges for 2022 as part of worship on November 7. Please mail your pledge to the church or use the Stewardship link on our website (www.scpresby.org) prior to that date or bring your pledge card with you to church on Sunday, November 7.

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

for the election of officers and
to approve by-law changes.

Sunday, November 14

10:00 AM

NO⁻ Services and Sermons



Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:00 and 11:15 AM
All Saints' Sunday Communion
Matthew 5:13-20
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

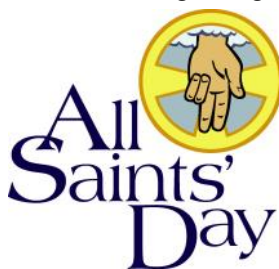
Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:00 and 11:15 AM
Troubled Prayer (1 Samuel 1:4-20)
Rev. Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, November 21, 2021 9:00 and 11:15 AM
Christ the King Sunday
Speak for Your Servant Is Listening
(1 Samuel 3:2-19)
Rev. Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, November 28, 2021 9:00 and 11:15 AM
First Sunday of Advent Communion
Parable of the Ten Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13)
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

All Saints' Day - November 7

As we look to give thanks for the lives of congregation members who died this past year, we acknowledge that much of our grieving and remembering of those lost has been



done apart. On November 7th we invite you to bring a picture or memento of loved ones lost recently, or in the past, with you to worship to set on our table of remembrance or to hold near you while you worship. We hope this will help us celebrate the faithful ones we have lost and remind us that this great company of witnesses is always with us.

Advent Theme

Our theme for the Advent Season (beginning on November 28) this year is "The Light that Shines in the Darkness." It's a reminder to us that even in the darkest days, we can look to our Savior and with joy and anticipation celebrate his coming. Each week as we light the Advent candles, we know that the day of his arrival draws nearer. Come and worship with us throughout this season of hope.



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Second Grade Bibles

On October 24th, during the 9:00 worship hour, we honored each 2nd Grader who is on our Sunday School/Church roll with a gift Bible. There are at least three different occasions when the church gives someone a Bible: at baptism, in 2nd Grade, and at Confirmation. We are pleased to be able to offer this Bible to our children at this time. This is a special gift and a special time for them!

The children eligible for their Bibles are:

Navy Bauman, Solveig Bilen, Aryssa Jones, Lee Snyder, and Lucy Wagner.



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Sympathy of the congregation to family and friends on the death of **Jim Finley**, October 2, 2021.

Candlelight Choir 2021

One of the most frequent questions heard around the Choir Room these days is "Will there be a Candlelight Choir?" The answer is YES! We will be taking some precautions, but we will have Candlelight Choir singing in person this December. Here are some details.



Christmas Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 12, 2021
4:00 PM



Candlelight Choir Rehearsals
Sundays, November 7 through December 5, 7:00 PM
Final Rehearsal Saturday, December 11, 10:00 AM
All in the Sanctuary with masks, social distancing, and extra ventilation.

Join us November 7 or contact Ned Wetherald for more information (814-308-3415 or nedscpc@gmail.com)

Adult Education in November

Title: Secrets of the Vine

Date: November 7, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: Join **Connie Curilla** as she does an overview of the book "Secrets of the Vine: Breaking Through to Abundance" by Bruce Wilkinson, an in-depth study of the first section of John 15 on the vine and the branches. This exposition tells us a lot about what abundance means in our faith.

Title: Masked and Unmasked, Revealing and Concealing

Date: November 14, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: Throughout the scriptures, we see themes of revealing and concealing. Join our very own **Paul Mortimore** in a discussion about what the momentous events of the past two years have revealed (and concealed?) about ourselves.

Title: God as Love

Date: November 21, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: Join **Peggy Lindsey** for a discussion of the book, "The Love That Is God: An Invitation to the Christian Faith," by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, passages from 1 John, and an introduction to the 12th century mystic and theologian, Richard of St. Victor. Come and consider the possibility of thinking about God in a new way. No need to have read the book beforehand!

Title: Advent - The Great O Antiphons

Date: November 28, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: You may not know what the "O Antiphons" are, but you probably know the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" which draws its text from the Antiphons. They likely date to 6th century Italy and the rich texts use seven Biblical names for Jesus. **Ned Wetherald** will have us listening, studying, and singing!

November Wandering Women Hike

For our final walk of the year, we will explore Walnut Springs Park on Saturday, November 13. The trails are easy to navigate and wander through the woods, providing many bird-watching and plant identification opportunities. Meet at the parking lot off of University Drive at 9:00 AM. As always, we will walk in light rain but not if there is the chance of a thunderstorm. Bring sunscreen, tick repellent, a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes.

Questions? Contact Diana Malcom (dwmalcom@gmail.com).

All women are invited to participate in these walks, scheduled for the second Saturday of the month through November. Generally, we spend about 2 - 3 hours together. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness!



Advent Devotionals

This year we will be exploring the theme of "Light in the Darkness" in preaching and worship, and we hope to dive further in with our Advent devotionals. Where have you experienced unexpected joy? How has your faith comforted you through grief? What hope does the season of Advent bring you? We look forward to hearing your experiences of faith and thoughtful reflections throughout the season. If you want to be subscribed to the email list to receive these daily devotionals or would like to contribute to the project please reach out to Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com) or Mary Jane Kistler (mjkistler1983@gmail.com) for more information.



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Handy With Your Hands?

We have a team of men and women who spend one morning a month painting and repairing our beautiful church building and maintaining our grounds as part of the SCPC Maintenance And Repair Team (SMART). We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from January through November. Can you devote three hours a month to keeping our building and grounds looking great and working properly? If so, please contact Don Hartzell (703-347-5059 or donhartzell46@gmail.com).



Welcome New Member

Tom Wheeler joins by Letter of Transfer from Darnestown Presbyterian Church in Darnestown, MD. Tom, along with his wife, Janet, moved to State College last August from the Washington DC area and has a home in the Teaberry Ridge neighborhood. Tom retired in 2020 after serving 15 years as a Federal Judge in the US Court of Federal Claims in DC. Prior to that he was in the private practice of law from 1974 – 2005. Tom is originally from Deerfield, Illinois in the Chicago area and Janet (who joined Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and plays in their Handbell Choir) is from Ridgeway, PA. They met in their first year when both were attending Gettysburg College. They came to Penn State football games when they were dating and have been attending games ever since. SCPC became familiar to Tom as they would drive by the church on their way into town, and it seemed a natural fit when they moved here. Tom is a graduate of Georgetown Law School in Washington DC and is now an adjunct professor at the Penn State Law School teaching Government Contracts Law and also works in career counseling helping graduating law students find their next step. He was a long time member of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church where, over 40+ years, he served as an elder and on many different committees. His hobbies include sports, photography and travel.

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NOVEMBER Birthdays

November 1	Sharon Manno Suzie Linn Mary Beth Rosson
November 2	Connie Curilla
November 4	Madison Alesi Mike Kipp
November 5	Susan Allerheiligen Priscilla Meserole
November 6	Greg Manno
November 7	Katherine Groves
November 8	Lorin Spangler
November 9	Jesse Reichard
November 11	Linda Erickson William Kenyon
November 13	Sue Powers Stephanie Velegol Karen Christman
November 14	Louise Amick Rebecca Geist Latina James Hook Linda Morrow
November 15	Patt Campolongo Jennifer Crispell Jakob Stafford Heather Steel
November 16	Frederick Brown Brenda Loftus Lauren Sonstebly
November 17	Susan Shafer
November 18	Cathy Greenham Nancy Harlow
November 22	David Falk
November 23	Alexander Maitland
November 25	Jo Dixon Erin May Allison Maus
November 26	Katie O'Hara Krebs
November 27	Doris Carter Carol Graham Ken Manno John Koch
November 28	Joe Robison Bob Shute
November 29	Katie Elder
November 30	Mark Morath Suzanne Shoffner

Belated Birthday Greetings to:

Lilly Nichol - October 13

Remember—if your birthday isn't listed, it's because we don't have it listed in our database — give us a call and let us know!

Ongoing Weekly Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Personnel Ministry	2	3	4	5	6 PSU@Maryland
	12:15 Stay and Play Parent/Teacher Conferences					
7 All Saints Sunday	8 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9	10 12:30 Stay & Play Staff Meeting	11 7:00 Adult Education Committee - Zoom	12	13 Game Day Parking Michigan@PSU
14	15	16 8:00 Building and Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	17	18	19 PresbyPost Deadline	20 Game Day Parking Rutgers@PSU
21 Christ the King Sunday	22 7:00 Education Ministry - Zoom	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Church Building Closed 	26 Church Building Closed	27 PSU@Michigan State
28 First Sunday of Advent	29	30				





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Board of Deacons

Deacons are elected officers who serve three year terms.
Their responsibilities are divided into three ministry units: Service, Caregiving, Mission
Moderator - Sharon Manno

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Jamie Bachman	Scot Banfield	Kimberly-Dawn Falk
Sharon Manno	Jennifer Creighton	Clay Kleinman (youth)
Linda McClimans	Miguel Cruden	Betty MacDonald
Karen Neff	Mike Gordon	Carrie Miller
Joe Phillips	Juli Mortimore	Reed Miller
Jeff Rounsville	Vivian Noll	Lauren Moose (youth)
Michelle Yarwood	Dom Veconi	Owen Perry (youth)
		Heather Steel
		Marcus Wheeler