

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
9:30 am

Welcome! State College Presbyterian Church is a warm, diverse, dynamic faith community with people of all ages and generations coming together to learn, serve, and worship together.

Serving this Morning:

Ushers:

Head Usher: Mary Ann Sesler
Ushers: Benton Bickerton, Liane Roe,
John Schwantes, and Becky Thomas

Information Desk: Meg Moose

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Mary Hartzell
Fraser Street: Julie Palmer and
Wanda Duncan

Musicians: Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Rod Burnham

The flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Sam Stafford for his 13th birthday with love from Leslie, Chad, Jakob & Gracie.

Meet Rev. Mary Morrow

Mary has a life-long connection to State College and is even related to a member of the congregation! She spent most of her life in the Tyrone area and graduated from Penn State with her BS in Animal Sciences. After a little of this and a little of that, including seminary, Mary is now an academic adviser at the University. She lives in Park Forest with her spouse and their three cats.



In response to God's unconditional love and Jesus' example of hospitality, State College Presbyterian Church is called to be a welcoming community. We affirm all people equally, regardless of, for example, race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, religious background, or circumstance of life. We are committed to removing barriers that separate us. As we gather in worship, fellowship, and service, all are welcome.

***Hymn**

Group 1 *Group 2*

This is the day, this is the day
 O - pen to us, o - pen to us
 You are our God, you are our God,

Group 1 *Group 2*

that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
 the gates of God, the gates of God;
 we will praise your name, we will praise your name;

Group 1 *Group 2*

We will re - jice, we will re - jice
 we will go in, we will go in
 we will give thanks, we will give thanks

Group 1 *Group 2*

and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 and your praise the Lord, and your praise the Lord.
 for your faith - ful - ness, for your faith - ful - ness.

All

This is the day that the Lord has made;
 O - pen to us, the gates of God;
 You are our God, we will praise your name;

we will re - jice and be glad in it.
 we will go in, and praise the Lord.
 we will give thanks for your faith - ful - ness.

Group 1 *Group 2* *All*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
 O - pen to us, o - pen to us the gates of God.
 You are our God, you are our God; we will praise your name.

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Response to Confession**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. liturgical
Music: Orthodox liturgy

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.
 Christ, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.
 Lord, _____ have mer - - - - - cy.

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel:

P: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Inspiration

Rod Burnham

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Page 492 in the pew Bible

Children's Time

Parents and Guardians, please take note that during the children's message, children may be photographed or video recorded due to our live stream. The video/images may be used without compensation by the church for promotional purposes in digital or print media. If you do not wish for your child to be in the live stream, the front pew/row of chairs is not in the live shot.

Song after Children's Time

Hymn No. 697

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Mary Morrow

Luke 19: 28–40

Page 492 in the pew Bible

L: This is the Word of the Lord, and let all the people say—

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Fleetingness of Palm Sunday

Rev. Mary Morrow

***Hymn**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 197

***Affirmation of Faith**

Reed Dressler

Excerpted and Adapted from the French Confession of 1559

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit.

God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ.

In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified. Amen.

Call to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of SCPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. To give online, please scan the QR code on the card in the pew rack or inside the front cover of the pew pad. You may also mail a check to the church office. If you give online or via the mail, you are invited to place one of the cards from the pew rack in the plate as it is passed.

Thank you for your support!

Offertory

***Doxology Hymn**

*Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.*

How can we hope to thank you?

*Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely*

I offer you my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response to Prayer

“Sing Hallelujah”

Linda Stassen

Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

Sing hal - le - lu - jah. Sing hal - le - lu - jah.

Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

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*Hymn

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

No. 750

*Charge & Benediction

Choral Benediction

“O Vos Omnes”

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Chancel Choir

O all you who pass this way, look and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

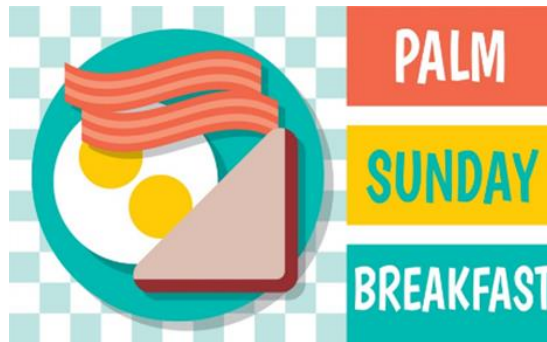
Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song (CW&S)** which meets in Room 11 and Westminster Hall on the lower level.

THERE WILL BE NO EXPLORATION HOUR TODAY! PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

Palm Sunday Breakfast TODAY

Once again, the Deacons is hosting their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast. Come to enjoy the free breakfast today after the service. The menu will feature the usual Palm Sunday favorites of French Toast with Apple Cider Syrup, Sausages, Fresh Fruits, and Cinnamon Coffee Cake. The turnout was so great last year that we are adding an additional dining room and buffet line, so there will be plenty of seating for all - join us for breakfast.



Stay and Play Silent Auction

Stay & Play's Annual Silent Auction & Raffle will be held in Room 10 today after the service until 12 pm. Tickets are \$20 per sheet of 25.

Stop in and check out the awesome items that will be auctioned and benefit Stay and Play Preschool!

It's Lent, so it must be bucket time!

tinyURL.com/buckets2025

Shop in person to support local stores, or shop online for delivery directly to the church office.

Items due April 22

pack May 11
dedicate May 18

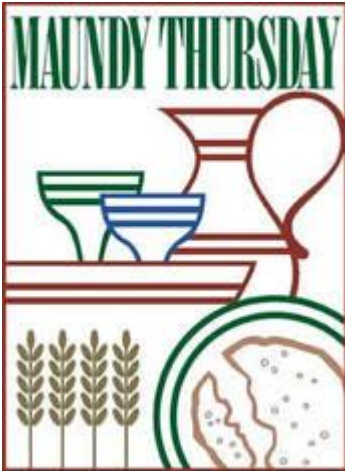


Funeral Help

One of the most important ministries we offer as a church community is walking with families as they grieve the death of a loved one. Hosting funerals and memorial services is an integral part of what we do. Of course, many hands are needed when we host these services. Are you interested in helping with greeting at future funerals/memorial services or helping with the reception after? We are looking to start a list of people who would be willing to be contacted for funeral help when the need arises. If you are interested, please reach out to Laura in the church office at officescpc@gmail.com. Training will be provided.

Congregational Meeting on April 27th

A Congregational Meeting has been called for April 27, 2025, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service –

Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 pm

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple supper, and then share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables. RSVPs to the church office (officescpc@gmail.com) are helpful, though not required.

Please use the QR code to access the signup genius to sign up to bring a food item for Maundy Thursday.



Good Friday Service - Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm

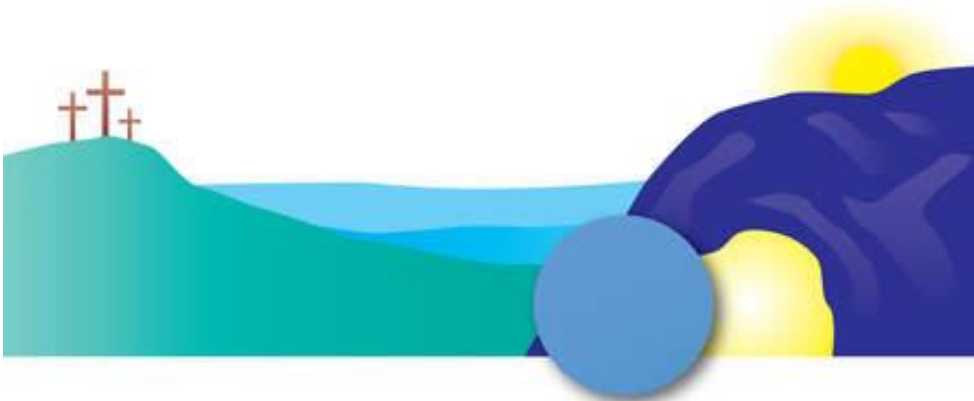
On Good Friday we will hold a special Tenebrae service in the sanctuary. “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows” because the service involves a progressive darkening of the worship space as candles are successively snuffed out as the passion narrative is read. This is a contemplative service with multiple moments of silence built in for serious reflection. All are welcome.



Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 20th **Celebration of the Resurrection**

- 6:45 am - A Sunrise Service with Communion at Windswept Farm. We will gather outside at RE Farm Café at Windswept Farm to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and powerful worship experience led by our youth. The service will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Please come dressed for the weather—the farm does live up to its name!
- 9:30 am at SCPC - Come one, come all to worship on Easter Sunday morning when we will pull out all the stops to bring our worship to the Risen Lord! Come, add your voice to the millions gathered around the world to celebrate the blessed day as we unite our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

There will be no Exploration Hour on Easter. Please join us after worship service in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour.



Brian McLaren Books

There are copies of some of Brian McLaren's (our Henszey Lecturer) books on the table in front of the church office. These are available for anyone to borrow to read, and return. They will be on the table for the next couple of weeks if you would like to check them out.

Wandering Women Hike – April 26th

All women of the church are welcome to get your walking shoes ready to join Wandering Women on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 -11:30. Marti Sawyer will be leading our time together. We will be walking the bike trail that goes from Gigi's (by route 26) to Orchard Park and back. We will meet at the church at 8:40 for those who want to car pool; for those driving themselves, parking is available next door to Gigi's at the Nittany Budget Hotel. Turn off Route 26 at Cato Ave., and the motel is on the right. Please park in the slots closest to the street. Dress for the weather, bring water, and consider sunscreen and/or bug/tick spray. We usually walk in light rain, but we will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather conditions on SCPC Facebook and via email. If you have any questions, please contact Marti at sawyerinc@comcast.net or at 814-880-1701.



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Congrats to our grads!

If you or someone you love is graduating this Spring with a bachelor's or other advanced degree, we would love to recognize them on Sunday, May 4th. Please submit their name, school, degree, and a photo to Laura in the church office (officescpc@gmail.com) by April 27th.

Summer Camp Scholarships

State College Presbyterian Church Deacons are offering scholarships for children and youth wanting to attend Christian summer camp this summer (at Krislund or another Christian camp). If you have a need, please reach out to Pastor Scott at pastorscottscpc@gmail.com.

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation!
Senior Pastor: The Rev. Scott Hoffman
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Interim Director of Youth Ministry: Reed Dressler
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Mission Associate: Cricket Hunter
Stay and Play Preschool Director: Laura Seeley
Stay and Play Assistant Director: Dianna Danko
Interim Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at scpresby.org.

If you are an online attendee, we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is 833-234-1326.

To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.



Calendar

Sun 13

Palm Sunday

- AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song,
Rm 11
10:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast,
Social Hall and
Westminster Hall
10:30 Stay and Play Silent Auction,
Rm 10
PM 2:00 Music Rehearsal
2:00 YoPro Game Afternoon,
Fireside Rm

Mon 14

- PM 5:00 Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner,
Social Hall
6:00 Scout Den Meetings, Rm 10 &
11
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 15

- AM 8:00 Building and Property
Committee Meeting, Rm 10
9:00 SMART Work Day
10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer, Zoom
7:30 Handbell Choir

Wed 16

- PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
6:30 SJMT, Rm 10/Zoom
7:00 Generosity Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm
7:00 Spiritual Life, Zoom

Thurs 17

Maundy Thursday

- PM 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
and Meal, Social Hall
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

Fri 18

Stay and Play Closed Good Friday

- PM 7:00 Good Friday Tenebrae
Service

Sun 20

Easter Sunday

- AM 6:45 Easter Sunrise Service,
Winswept Farm
9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song,
Rm 11

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