



Welcome to Worship

April 30, 2023
9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Meditation on Brother James’ Air”

Harold Darke

Words of Welcome

Reed Dressler

Introit

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen

Carey Landry

Musical score for the Introit "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" by Carey Landry. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en as he said." The music is a simple, melodic line.

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*Call to Worship

Reed Dressler

Leader: Through the prophet Jeremiah God declared "I will give you shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

People: Let us draw near and consider the heart of God.

Leader: That we might recognize the good shepherd's voice.

People: Let us open our hearts to God as we worship.

*Hymn No. 244

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*Call to Confession

Allison Maus

*Prayer of Confession

Allison Maus

Loving God, we move nearer to you, as you invite us into your love. We step forward with our doubts and fears, our confusion and ignorance. We step forward knowing there are so many ways we have failed in loving you, your people, and your creation. Thank you for offering new invitations every day for us to turn to you again. With open hearts we ask your Spirit to help us let go of the resistance we have to your loving way. May we openly embrace the mercy and forgiveness you offer through Christ that all might experience your peace. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Allison Maus

*Passing of the Peace

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Katie Nurmi

First Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Katie Nurmi

Anthem	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	John Ness Beck
Children’s Time See “Children in Worship”		Deannine Shipman
Song After Children’s Time	“As Each New Horizon Beckons” [HOLY MANNA]	
Second Scripture Reading	1 John 2:24-3:3; 3:14-16	John Porter
Sermon	“The Sanctuary of the Heart”	John Porter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 506	“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”	
Announcements		Reed Dressler
Call to Offering		Reed Dressler
Offertory	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	David Cherwien
*Doxology Hymn No. 609	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*Prayer of Dedication		Katie Nurmi

Recognition of College/Advanced Degree Graduates		Allison Maus
Jamie Bachman		
Katrina Cole		
Kristen Miller		
William Peck		
Lauren Spadt		
Jean-Pierre Theron		
Dietre Van Hook		

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table
 Instructions
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 Congregation: And also with you.
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
 Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Pastor: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.
 Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Breaking of the Bread
 Pouring of the Cup
 Hymn During Communion
 Hymn No. 507 “Come to the Table of Grace”
 Prayer Following Communion

*Hymn No. 765	“May the God of Hope Go With Us”	
*Charge & Benediction		John Porter & Allison Maus
Postlude	“Improvisation”	

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Sharon Manno

Ushers: Jennifer Creighton, Rhett McLaren, Phil Spangler, and Katie Stone

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jerry and Marti Sawyer

Assistant: Linda McClimans

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Gordon and Caroline DeJong

Parking Lot: Rhett McLaren

Information Desk: Amy Frank

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are provided by Ken and Sharon Manno with wishes for God's blessings upon all who so generously volunteer their time and talents in so many ways to our church.

Adult Offering Today

April 30: "Meet Nizhyn, Ukraine, State College's Sister City", in Westminster Hall, led by Svitlana Jones

Come learn about State College's new sister city, Nizhyn, Ukraine. You will get to learn some of the ways that Nizhyn is similar to State College, see photos of Nizhyn, and also to hear how Sister's Sister, a State College based, entirely volunteer nonprofit organization, is responding to need caused by Russian bombing. Our presenter, Svitlana Jones, is an interpreter of Ukrainian and Russian, who has lived right here in SCPC's neighborhood for many years.

"Connect" will meet today in Room 10.

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

May 14th EDUCATION Volunteer Recognition Sunday

We will be recognizing all those who have in some way been a part of our education program for children, youth, and adults during the past "school year" of 2022-2023.

We plan on doing a small recognition during the worship hour, and hope everyone who has been volunteering on Sundays and in our mid-week programs will be in attendance!

Many blessings and thanks to all who share their love of Christ, and knowledge with others!



STUDY SPACE Our space is your space with free food, WIFI, and hugs (optional) during finals week.

TODAY! April 30th noon-9pm and May 1-3rd 8am-9pm in the Fireside Room (Lower Level)

Young adult Lunch kickoff at 11:15 am in the Social Hall



Today! @3pm
Westminster Hall
Enjoy a great movie with even better discussion!

This month's movie:
PADDINGTON

We'll have wiggle space and quiet activities to help kiddos and others be engaged

Senior Recognition Youth led Service

May 7th is our Senior Recognition Youth led Service. We hope everyone can join us to celebrate this joyous occasion! If you are a youth member we hope you will be able to participate in the service. If you are a senior we want to be able to publicly recognize your achievement! We invite all of our seniors to reach out to our Youth Director Reed Dressler at youthministyscpc@gmail.com and let him know what you would like to highlight about your accomplishments and future plans!

Summer Time Pathways

Coming this Summer for children ages 4 - Grade 3, will be our Summer Time Pathways class held just after the children's message during worship.

We love stories and crafts that go with the book, so that's the plan for each Sunday. I am looking for some folks to teach/assist for this great adventure! Our volunteers get to choose WHICH BOOK they would like to use! Sign up for ONE Sunday, or more! It's up to YOU! Our sign up will go live in May, so look for it on the website soon! In the meantime, feel free to talk to Deannine Shipman if you are interested in making sure our children have a fun time on Summer Sundays!

Classes will be held on the following dates:

June 11, 18, and 25

July 9, 16

August 6, 13, and 20



Can't wait to have SUMMER PATHWAYS FUN!

Sunday, April 30th

Communion

College/Post Grad Recognition

Study Space

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 11:15 am YoPro Lunch—Social Hall
- 3:00 pm Watch Party—Westminster Hall

Monday, May 1st

Study Space

- 7:00 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Theology UnTapped—McClanahans
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, May 2nd

Study Space

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, May 3rd

Study Space

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Fireside Room/Zoom
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 10
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, May 4th

- 12:30 pm Stay and Play Staff Meeting—Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 5th

Saturday, May 6th

Chrysalis 8th Grade Mission Trip

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Senior Recognition and Youth Led Service

Minute for Mission—Pride Parade

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- 10:00 am Exploration Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Room

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K) meets in Westminster Hall.

Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3) meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary) meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

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

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings 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.



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