

Supporting SCPC

Thank you to everyone who has been able to continue contributing to our church during this challenging time; SCPC is blessed and fortunate to have such a caring and supportive church family. For those who are able, please remember you can make your offering in any of the following ways:

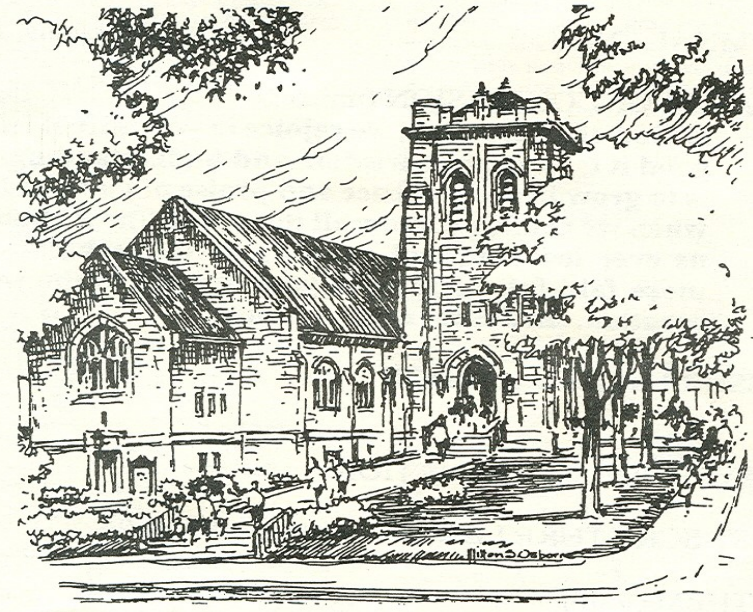
- By check mailed to the church
- By direct bank e-check/bill pay (you set this up through your own bank)
- Through our online giving option: QR code below with your smart phone, or on our website at scpresby.org (click the "GIVE NOW" button.
- Through our ACH/direct debit option: again, visit our website for instructions or contact Michelle at finadmescpc@gmail.com for the form and more information. ACH processing occurs at no fee to SCPC.

Processing will occur on the 1st and 15th of each month; you may choose either (or both) days and one-time, monthly, or quarterly processing.

Please contact [Michelle](#) with any questions.



**We are the Church together ~
thank you for your continued support!**



The State College Presbyterian Church

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August 16, 2020

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE "Cantilena Romantica" Thomas F. Dunhill

CALL TO WORSHIP Sawyer Family

HYMN NO. 614 "Great Are You, Lord"
Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love. Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Dean Lindsey
Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer, for we come before you in need of correction and healing:
The healing of bad intentions,
The healing of selfish desires.
The healing of damaged relationships,
The healing of our hurting world.
Through your forgiving love, we know that we can be restored, relationships can be reconciled, and the world can be remade. We ask for these things now.
Free us, we pray, to serve and love and dream and be, as Christ calls us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM "One Word"
Music by Robert Hugh
Words by Buddha and LauTzu
Chancel Choir Ensemble

"Better than a thousand hollow words is one word
that brings peace." -Bhudda

Weekly Prayer Meeting—Via Zoom—Tuesdays at Noon

The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together.

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Wednesday in the Word—Via Zoom—Wednesdays at 12:30

Wednesday in the Word will continue the Kay Arthur study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times". We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 for lunch then 12:45 to 1:45 pm for the study and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

Young at Heart This Fall

Young at Heart is a potluck supper and program fellowship group for those SCPC folk who are "young at heart" although not so young in years. In previous years the group met one Friday evening a month from September to June. During this time of COVID crisis, it is unwise for us to gather indoors to share food and possibly virus. As of now we don't know when it might be safe to make plans; for that reason, Young at Heart will be suspended at least for the fall and maybe for the whole year. If the pandemic situation dramatically improves so we feel we can safely meet for a meal, program and fellowship we will make an announcement. Please take care of yourselves and we hope to gather as soon as it's safe to do so.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 16

9:00 am Worship Service—
Tower Lawn

Monday, August 17

5:00 pm Worship Committee-
Zoom

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom

7:30 pm LOGOS Parent Meet-
ing—Zoom

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Spiritual Life Prayer
Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, August 19

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom

Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Outdoor Worship Services

We are holding a weekly Sunday worship service at 9:00 am, outside the Tower Entrance to the church on the corner of Fraser and Beaver (weather permitting). As always, our focus will be on the goodness of God whom we seek to praise as we gather. We will continue to offer remote worship via YouTube, and the outdoor service will include similar elements to the pre-recorded service. Bring a lawn chair, social distance, and wear your mask.

Meals on Wheels

Are you a person who is homebound and having difficulty preparing meals during the COVID crisis? Or do you have a parent or friend who could use assistance? State College Area Meals on Wheels is ready to help. Please call us at 814-237-8135 or visit www.scmow.org to find out more.

"If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart."

-Lao Tzu

PRAYER FOR INSPIRATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 15:1-20 (selected verses)

¹Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ²"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat." ³He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God said, "Honour your father and your mother," and, "Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die." ⁵But you say that whoever tells father or mother, "Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God", then that person need not honour the father. ⁶So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God. ⁷You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: ⁸"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁹in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." '

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will

be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

SERMON Dean Lindsey
"Bad Thoughts and Bad Words will Ruin You"

JOYS AND CONCERNS Allison Maus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

HYMN NO. 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

- 1) Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
- 2) O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 3) O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4) O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
- 5) O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE " . . .and again I say, Rejoice!" -Gerhard Krapf
Ned Wetherald, organist
Director of Music Ministry

Let us all be in prayer for our church, our community, and our world, seeking out God's healing and strength as we move through these days, and please keep in touch with the church and with your neighbors!

Please reach out if there is anything we can do for you. We are checking voicemail (814-238-2422) and emails (officescpc@gmail.com) daily. If you have access to a computer, please check the website (www.scpresby.org) and our Facebook page for spiritual offerings and for church information.