

Request for Nominations

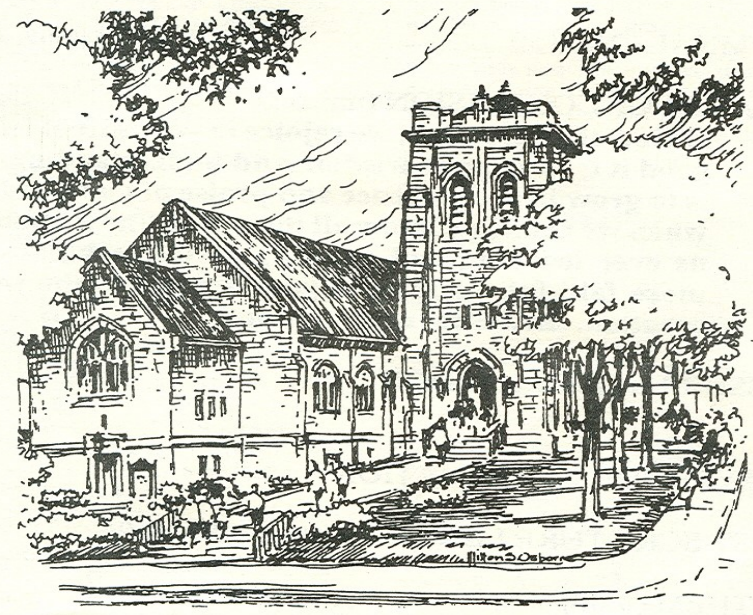
This request comes from the SCPC Nominating Committee. We are charged with preparing a slate of candidates to serve as Elders, Deacons, Visiting Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee. A list of candidates will be presented to the congregation in November for election. Members of the Nominating Committee welcome your suggestions as we prepare our list of candidates. Please identify individuals you believe would make a valuable contribution to any of the Boards or Committees. Self-nominations are welcome. Send nominations to Scott Kretchmar, Chair, Nominating Committee at rsk1@psu.edu. Please provide names of nominees, the office for which they are being recommended and, if you wish, any comments in support of the nominee.

Job Descriptions:

Elders working together as a Session form the ruling body of a Presbyterian church. They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

The ministry of **Deacons** is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, or anyone in distress.

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.



The State College Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Pastor: Dean Lindsey
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Stay & Play Preschool Director: Laura Steager
Childcare Coordinator: Emma Sutterlin
Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry
Evening Custodian: Colett Spicher

August 2, 2020

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE "Retrospection" Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

CALL TO WORSHIP Moose Family

HYMN No. 175 "Seek Ye First"

- 1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!
- 2) Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 3) You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION Michael Ozaki

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are sustained in life by countless others who provide the food we eat and the clothes we wear. They are ready to protect us from disaster or care for us if we are ill. Yet, we rarely see them or even thank them. Forgive us when our blindness to the sacrifices of others keeps us from acknowledging their importance or ever expressing gratitude to them. Help us to learn to say 'thank you' in ways that build community and foster mutual caring and understanding. May we begin by saying 'thank you' to you for your grace and mercy and, most of all, for your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME Deannine Shipman

SOLO -Arranged by Bradley Ellingboe
"Love Dawns on a Weary World"
Laura Essinger— Hileman, soloist

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.

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.

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 1:00-2:00 pm for the study. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 2

9:00 am Worship Service—
Tower Lawn

Monday, August 3

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Spiritual Life Prayer
Meeting—Zoom

7:00 pm Nominating
Committee—Zoom

7:30 pm LOGOS Parent
Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, August 5

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom

Thursday, August 6

Finance—Zoom

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

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.

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

Solo text:

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children’s dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 29:4-14

Dean Lindsey

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

10 For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

MEDITATION "Build, Live, Plant, Eat, Pray" Dean Lindsey

HYMN NO. 346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

- 1) For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2) Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
- 3) All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4) You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Michael Ozaki

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

Elizabeth Turner

The Prelude Composer:

Florence B. Price (1887-1953) was the first African American woman to have a symphony performed by a professional symphony orchestra (Chicago Symphony). She wrote over 300 pieces in various styles and forms of composition.

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!