



Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 am and 11:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

(9:00 am) “Bell Carol Fantasy”
(11:15 am) “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”
The Handbell Choir

by Arnold B. Sherman
by Cynthia Dobrinski

Opening Words

Deannine Shipman

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Responsive Reading—Projected

The Macdonald and Hunter Families

(Sing twice) **Jesus, the Light of the World** George D. Elderkin

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come, where the
dew-drops of mer-cy shine bright, O, shine all a-round us by day and by
night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

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*Hymn No. 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Call to Confession

Dean Lindsey

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord of Mercy, we are a forgetful people. We create blind spots when memory becomes painful. We spin tales about the past which gloss over the problems, particularly when the same problems still persist. Forgive us we pray. By your redeeming love, heal our memories. Help us to be honest about the past so that we can do our best to address the needs of today and create a better tomorrow. We offer our prayer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ who was and is and will be forever. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

(11:15 am) Sharing of the Peace

[Where you see an asterisk (*), please stand if you are able]

Hearing the Word

Anthem (9:00 am) “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” by Cynthia Dobrinski
The Handbell Choir
(11:15 am) “Comfort All Ye My People” by Gabriel Faure
The Chancel Choir

(9:00 am) Time for Children

Deannine Shipman

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 are not in the live shot. (Children leave for special programs)

(9:00 am) Hymn No. 487 Song After Children’s Time “These Treasured Children” verse 2

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-7

Sermon “Look to the Rock” Dean Lindsey

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith “Apostle’s Creed” page 35 Allison Maus

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Christmas Day Dinner

Heather Steel and Cheryl Price

Call to Offering

*Doxology

* Hymn 609

“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*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. 84

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

*Benediction

*(9:00 am) Sharing of the Peace

Postlude

(9:00 am) “Creator of the Stars of Night”
(11:15 am) “Bell Choir Fantasy”
The Handbell Choir

by David Cherwien
by Arnold B. Sherman

HOME(less) for CHRISTMAS

During Christmas this year, SCPC will be hosting up to 20 homeless Out Of The Cold guests by providing hotel rooms for them from Dec 20 - Dec 26. Please consider how you might make Christmas better for someone less fortunate either by donating food, gift cards or by helping with OOTC meal prep during the week of Dec 20-26. You can find more information and sign up for food donations via our website (scpresby.org) or by using the QR Code.



Ushers this Morning:

(9:00 am) Head Usher: Michael Gordon
 Ushers: Kimberly-Dawn Falk, Lauren Moose, Scott Banfield, Clay Kleinman

(11:15 am) Head Usher: Jennifer Creighton

Ushers: Betty Macdonald, John Marsden, Vivian Noll, Juli Mortimore

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street (9:00 am) — Connie and John DiNunzio
(11:15 am) - Linda Edvar

Parking Lot (9:00 am)— Smith Lyday & Joe Kockelmans
(11:15 am) - Mary Hartzell

Coffee Hour this Morning:

Host: Greg and Linda Giles

Assistants: Bernie and MJ Kitt

Here's What's Happening at SCPC

Candlelight Service is TODAY!

The Christmas Candlelight Service will be held today at 4:00 pm. There will be childcare for children through kindergarten. The service will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel.

Angel Tree Gifts Due Tomorrow

The Angel Tree gifts are due tomorrow. Please bring them to the church office. There are still some Angels that have not been chosen. Please join the community of givers who are fulfilling Christmas wishes and pick them up by the tree on the bridge.

Advent Organ Recital Series

Our last Advent Organ Recital Series will take place on Wednesday December 15 at 12:15 pm with Claude Fabinyi, from First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altoona. This recital (about 30 minutes) will be followed by a simple soup lunch for fellowship.

Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—TODAY

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room following the 9:00 am worship service. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout (marthascpc@gmail.com).

Adult Education

This morning at 10:15 am, the Social Justice and Mission Team will share an overview of how our church congregation has been giving to organizations throughout 2021. This will take place in Westminster Hall.

Next Sunday, Allison Maus leads "Advent Stories and Imagery". She will look at the Bible passages around the story of Christ's birth.

Youth Sunday School New Plans

Middle School and High School SS Classes are COMBINING their classes for awhile and have some really cool plans they are working on! Meet Sundays in the FIRESIDE ROOM from now on, and this Sunday (12th) includes some baking of snacks for the College Age study break room! The next week (Dec 19) includes leading a story for the younger grades so come RIGHT AWAY to class after the first service ends!

Advent Devotionals

Subscribe to our daily email devotionals this Advent. This year we invite you to reflect on the theme of "Light in the Darkness," and welcome contributions on the theme. For more info or to subscribe please reach out to allisonscpc@gmail.com.

Christmas Dinner

We are excited to be serving Christmas Dinner again this year! We will be doing pick-up and delivery. Pickup times will be between 1:00 pm - 3:45 pm on Christmas Day with delivery times at either 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm. The deadline to sign up is December 18th! You can either sign up via our website (scpresby.org) or using the QR Code. Monetary donations for food are also happily accepted.



Wednesday in the Word

December 15th will be Wednesday in the Word's last meeting for Advent. Meetings will resume January 5th. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet in the Fireside Room or via Zoom Wednesdays. Questions? Contact Connie Curilla.

Stay and Play Scholastic Preschool Book Fair Fundraiser

This past week we had a book fair for our preschool families. Today we will share an opportunity with SCPC members interested in supporting our program by purchasing books for a preschooler in your life. Between the 9 am & 11:15 am service the books from the fair will be available in the Social Hall. Books make great gifts!

This Week at SCPC

Sunday, December 12

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- 9:00 am & 11:15 am In-person Worship Service
- 9:00 am Service Live Stream on YouTube & Available to view
- 9:00 am & 11:15 am Service Infant and Toddler Childcare—Room 101
- During 9:00 am Service Creative Movement and Music and Children & Worship
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 12:00 pm YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 12:30 pm College Student Study Space—Fireside Room
- 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service
- 7:00 pm Session—Social Hall/Zoom

Monday, December 13

Angel Tree Gifts Due to Office

- 8:00 am College Student Study Space—Fireside Room
- 6:00 pm S&P Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Westminster Hall

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:00 am College Student Study Space—Fireside Room
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:30 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:00 am College Student Study Space—Fireside Room
- 12:15 pm Advent Organ Recitals followed by Soup Fellowship Lunch
- 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Room
- 4:00 pm FISH Homework Time—Fireside Room
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 7:00 pm Racial Reconciliation—Zoom
- 8:00 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, December 16

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 17

PresbyPost Deadline

Angel Tree Gift Distribution

Saturday, December 18

Hearing Assist Devices are available on the back table in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 19

- 9:00 am and 11:15 am In-Person Worship Service
- 9:00 am Service Live Stream on YouTube & Available to view
- 9:00 am & 11:15 am Service Infant and Toddler Child care—Room 101
- During 9:00 am Service Creative Movement and Music and Children & Worship
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 12:00 pm YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room

Especially for Children

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, 2021 through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

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

Children and Worship (Grades 1-3) meets in Room 11.

Parents please pick up your children directly after worship to go to coffee hour for a snack before Sunday School begins.

Sunday School (10:15 am) Ages 3, 4, and Kindergarten will meet in Room 209. Grades 1st through 5th will meet upstairs in Room 210. Middle School and High School Students will meet in the Fireside Room.

Stay and Play Teachers Needed

If you love children, love to play and would love to be a part of helping children learn and grow, we are looking for you. We have a Lead Teacher position 3 days/week (MWF) 8:30 am-12:30 pm and an Assistant Teacher position 5 days/week (M-F) 12pm-3pm. Both positions are for work with 3, 4 & 5 year olds. We are an EOE. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Laura Steager, Director at (814)237-1154 or email: stayandplayscpc@gmail.com.

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