

the Church website, using the “other gifts” button and noting that the gift is for the Angel Tree. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Miller (814-441-5577 or clspangler@live.com).

Christmas Day Dinner—December 25th—1:00-3:45pm
Free to all, regardless of faith!

Signup is now available for “to-go” Christmas Day Dinner meals, featuring sliced ham with scalloped potatoes, SCPC’s famous stuffing, green beans, cranberry salad, and dessert.

- Meal pickups will be socially distant using a drive-thru pickup in the church parking lot
- All meals will be packaged to be re-heated
- Meal pickups are at 15-minute intervals
- Please select one pickup time for your order—you will be asked for the number of meals after your selection

Limited local deliveries are available for those who are physically unable to pickup meals themselves. Please pick a desired hour for meal delivery, however exact delivery times may change as we try to optimize our delivery drivers routes.

The deadline to signup is Saturday, December 19th, unless we reach our maximum number of meals before that date. You may sign up on our website (www.scpresby.org) or call the church office (814-238-2422).

Donations to help offset the cost of providing the dinners are welcome. If you would like to help out consider sponsoring some cookies or a salad (\$15), potatoes or stuffing (\$25), a ham (\$50), or a whole meal (\$100). You can donate by mailing a check into the church office with “Christmas Dinner” in the memo line or donate online through the online giving page. Choose “other gifts” and designate “Christmas Day Dinner” in the notes section. Thank you for your support!



The State College Presbyterian Church

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December 13, 2020

DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

“Sleepers, Wake”
Arranged by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Behrer Family

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again I say, rejoice!
Let everyone see your gentleness.
The Lord is near!
Do not be anxious about anything.
Instead, in every situation, with prayer and thanksgiving,
tell your requests to God.
And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Remember to think about the things that are true, worthy
of respect, just, pure, lovely, and commendable.
If something is excellent or praiseworthy, think about
that, too.
And the God of Peace will be with you!
(Philippians 4:4-9)

HYMN No. 88

“O Come, O Come Emanuel” vs 1,2,6,7
Cantor: Connie Curilla

- 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 2) O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6) O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here: disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7) O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word is continuing the study, “A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount—Living out the Way of Jesus” by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. December 16th will be the last gathering for the current year. We will take a break December 23 and 30 and then resume our study January 6th. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom Wednesdays 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.

Advent Devotionals

Awaken “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:10
Advent is a time of anticipation, but so often we are not quite sure how God will show up. So we must be ready for anything! We hope to be as Samuel, hearing God calling to us in the night, responding with ears open to how God is leading each of us. To ready ourselves to hear God's nudgings we can reflect together on the noticings of God we have experienced before. We will share stories of Aha! moments and new beginnings as well as processing feelings of dread or being held back. We invite you to participate in our daily Advent devotional reflections this season. You can do so in different ways, as a contributor, writing a reflection to share with others, or receiving and connecting through reading the reflections of others. Please email Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) to make sure you're on the list or if you have any questions.

Angel Tree

Thanks to so many of you, the virtual Angel Tree is being decorated with many virtual angels, representing your gifts to social service agencies in our area. Your generosity reflects the sharing spirit of the season, but we're not yet finished. The annual gift-giving program has been adapted to our current times. Out of abundant concern for health and safety and recognizing the limitations imposed by the virus, most of our gifts to the agencies we serve will be gift cards for individuals. If you are interested in participating there's still time to make a financial contribution towards this program serving the needy in our community. Checks may be dropped off or mailed to the church office or via

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 13

10:00 am **Worship Service,**
YouTube

11:00 am Senior High Sunday
School—Zoom

11:00 am FISH Cookie Bake
Sale—Drive Through
Church Parking Lot

5:30 pm Explore Parent
Meeting—Zoom

7:00 pm Session —Zoom

Monday, December 14

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study,
Martin Room

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, December 15

9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting—
Zoom

5:30 pm Geckos, Christmas
Theme—Zoom

6:30 pm Chrysalis—Zoom

7:30 pm Advent Small Group-
Zoom

Wednesday, December 16

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom

6:30 pm FISH—Zoom

7:00 pm Racial Reconciliation
Zoom

Thursday, December 17

9:15 am Staff Meeting,
Zoom

Friday, December 18

PresbyPost Deadline

Saturday, December 19

Sunday Morning Worship

Indoor Worship has been suspended for the rest of this year. You may watch the Sunday service on the State College Presbyterian Church YouTube channel or on our website www.scpresby.org.

Festive Friday

As part of the Central Pennsylvania's Festival of the Arts virtual winter event, we will be streaming music on four consecutive Fridays from SCPC. Each performance will be about 45 minutes. If you miss the performance live, the plan is to have them on the Festival's YouTube page at a later time.

December 18—Singer/songwriter Jon Rounds at 7:00 pm, "Natascha and the Spy Boys" (cabaret) at 9:00.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Joy
Allison Maus

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

"Rejoice the Lord Is King!"
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Text:

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your God and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
and take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Singers:

Hayden Carpenter, Emily-Margaret Ceres, Katrina Cole,
Connie Curilla, Laura Essinger-Hileman, Don Hartzell,
Bill Lukens, Shelby Luther, Jack McKinley, Karen Neff,
Cheryl Price, Lynne Verity, Michael West, Ann Wheeler,
Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Dean Lindsey

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

SERMON "Awaken to Joy" Dean Lindsey

MINUTE FOR MISSION Out of the Cold

CALL TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Michael Ozaki

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS 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. 132 "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice"

- 1) Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2) Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3) Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE "And Again I Say, Rejoice!" Gerhard Krapf

Adult Ed for December 13
Location: Zoom

"Advent—A Theology of Hope"

Why are we so anxious? Why can chasing happiness seem so fleeting? Mike Ozaki will take us through these questions, addressing why we're so anxious, how we can awaken to a deeper theology of joy over happiness, and why Advent may be more necessary than Christmas.