



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

9:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Invitation to Attentiveness

Reed Dressler

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Teddy Manternach

Guided Reflection

Allison Maus

“Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” Luke 24:39

“I have always known you
are present in the clouds, and the
Black oak I especially adore, and the
Wings of birds. But you are present
Too in the body, listening to the body,
Teaching it to live, instead of all
That touching, with dissembled joy.”

Mary Oliver [Six Recognition of the Lord](#)

Image: The Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth by Mickey McGrath

Introit Hymn No. 90

“Wait for the Lord”

***Hymn No. 104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Prayer of Preparation

Jamey Perry

Hearing the Word

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-4

Jamey Perry

Anthem

“A Rose Touched by the Sun’s Warm Rays”

by Jean Berger

Children’s Time

Katie Stone

Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 378 v. 4 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

Second Scripture Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Allison Maus

Sermon

Allison Maus

Responding to the Word

***Hymn No. 96**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Allison Maus

Leader: God is calling us, inviting us, what is your answer?

All: Like our sister Mary, we say yes

Yes to your favor, your presence, your blessing.

Yes that we are enough just as we are, where we are.

Yes to your calling and the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon us to fulfill it

Yes to bearing and birthing your Word and your Promises and your Kingdom in this time and place.

Yes to all things being possible with you.

Like our sister Mary we say

Here I am, the Lord's humble servant.

Let it be done to me, in me, through me.

Like our sister Mary we sing and celebrate you O God,

For though we are your humble servants you have noticed us.

Announcements

Reed Dressler

Call to Offering

Reed Dressler

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory Anthem

“Goodness of God”

Sung by Chrysalis

Doxology No. 605

“Praise to God the Father”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Jamey Perry

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Allison Maus

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Allison Maus

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. 93**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***Charge**

Allison Maus

***Choral Response**

“Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

***Benediction**

Reed Dressler

Postlude



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.



Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Reed Miller

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, and Betty Macdonald

Information Desk: Jason Stimmel

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Amy Elliott

Parking Lot: Carolyn Tothero

Coffee Hour:

Hosts: Jamey Perry

Assistants: Owen Perry and Nikki Blake

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers in memory of my parents, Paul and Martha Frye. Martha's birthday was December 19th, given by Mary D'Ambrosia.

2023 Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Day Dinner will take place this year with in-person dining in the Social Hall from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Reservations can be made online or by calling the church office. Meal delivery, between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, is available only for those who are physically unable to attend in person. Please call the church office at 814-238-2422 to request delivery. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space-available basis.

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Photo Opportunity - Today

Today after worship you are invited to stop at either the Tower entrance off the sanctuary, the Martin Room, or in the Social Hall to get your picture taken. These will be family photos and individual photos and will be used to update our church directory. This is the last Sunday of taking pictures. If you were unable to get a photo taken please email a picture to Martha at marthascpc@gmail.com

Advent Attentiveness Art with Pastor Allison

During Sunday morning worship throughout Advent we will be paying attention to the ways God is preparing us and the world around us. We'll have a congregational offering each Sunday that will be incorporated into our candle banners at the front of our sanctuary. Help us add some paint to our candle banners each Wednesday of Advent (12/20) 7-8pm in the Social Hall. All skill levels and ages are invited to help create and reflect.

Happy Birthday, Helen Roback

Helen be turn 102 on December 19th! Happy Birthday, Helen!

Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Please join Music Ministry Leaders in Westminster Hall. Join us in a round of your favorite Christmas carols! We don't usually get the opportunity during worship to sing as many as we would like, so come join us for this special Adult Education offering.

Connect - Room 10 is another adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

2023 Budget Updates thru 11/30/2023

Giving:	Expenses:
Budgeted Giving: \$775,000	Spending to Date: \$857,900
Target Giving: \$875,000	

Received to Date: \$727,760

Actual % to Target: 83.2%

Difference to Targeted (43 weeks): -9.1%

Note: What is reported is only "giving" income and does not reflect total income

Christmas Caroling Tonight

Make plans to join the SCPC Deacons to deliver some Christmas cheer by caroling at area nursing homes tonight. Meet in the Social Hall for cocoa and cookies at 5:00 pm. We will arrange carpools and make stops at up to three area care homes to sing a few Carols and spread holiday joy. No musical talent is required and we plan to return to church by 6:30 pm. Those interested can form groups to eat dinner together downtown if they would like. No RSVP necessary.

Parking Vouchers for Today!

Today, those who park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage while attending the Sunday worship service can stop by the Information Desk to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking (can only be used Sunday morning in the Beaver Avenue garage). Someone is at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

Sunday, December 17th—3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am—noon Directory Photos
- 10:00 am Pathways and Oasis Christmas Party—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 5:00 pm Deacon Christmas Caroling
- 6:00 pm Watch Party—Fireside Rm

Monday, December 18th

- 6:00 pm Scout Pack Meeting—Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Stay and Play Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Scouts Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, December 19th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Staff Christmas Lunch
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:30 pm LOGOS Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 20th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm CAYAM—Zoom
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 7:00 pm Advent Attentiveness Art—Social Hall
- 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse

Thursday, December 21st

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

Friday, December 22nd

Stay and Play Closed

Saturday, December 23rd

- 5:30 pm Christmas Dinner Set Up

Sunday, December 24th—4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Martin Rm
- 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
- 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
- 10:15 pm College Age Open House—Martin Rm
- 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 throughout the morning.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5) - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in the Fireside Room on the lower level. Oasis is a loving place where youth from grades 6-12 can have fun, feel accepted, and grow.

YoPro Bible Study—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

Adult Education—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

Connect—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Room 10 on the lower level. This is an adult offering to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

