

2020 Pledge Update

Thank you to everyone who has made contributions throughout this challenging year; we appreciate your continued generosity in helping SCPC offer our adjusted programming for all ages and keep the Church and building running smoothly! As we head towards the end of the year, there are several ways to make contributions, should you still need or want to, for 2020 statement purposes:

- Mail your contribution through the US Postal Service; envelopes **must** be postmarked by December 31, 2020 **AND** received in our office by Monday, January 4, 2021;
- Use the "Give Now" button on our website if you would like to make your contribution through our online system **for receipt** by December 31, 2020;
- Through ACH direct debit for processing by December 31, 2020 (see our website for details (www.scpresby.org))
- If you would like our brokerage information (stock donation, QMD, etc.), please contact Michelle. Please remember these transactions often have their own timing requirements; your financial advisor(s) can provide you with additional information in that regard.

Please remember that contributions **must be dated in 2020** AND meet any additional date requirements above in order to be reflected on your 2020 contribution statement. If you would like an update on your 2020 pledge status, please contact Michelle.



The State College Presbyterian Church

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December 27, 2020

DECEMBER 27, 2020
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"
Arranged by Aaron Shows

WELCOME Dean Lindsey

CALL TO WORSHIP Allison Maus

God hears our cries,
"O, Come Emmanuel!"
And God chooses to be with us!
To surprise us! To challenge us! To transform us!
Love has entered the world
And may love reign forever.

HYMN NO. 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Cantors: Bill Lukens and Cheryl Price

- 1) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 2) Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
- 3) Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—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.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word is continuing with a new study, "A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount—Living out the Way of Jesus" by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. We will not meet over the holiday but will 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 27
Worship Service,
YouTube

Monday, December 28
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom
8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, December 29
12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting—
Zoom

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31

Friday, January 1
New Years Day
Building Closed

Saturday, January 2

The Church Office Will Be Closed December 24—January 3

We will reopen on January 4th

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.

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.

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study has been meeting via Zoom and occasionally in person. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month from 7-8:30 pm. If you are interested in being added to the email invitation list and to receive the access code, or would like more information, please contact Rob Huffard.

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Michael Ozaki

Glory to you, Almighty God,
for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ,
for you became flesh and lived among us
that we might become your people.
Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you direct and rule our lives.
Glory to you, Almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deannine Shipman

SOLO

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Arranged by Trevor Manor
Ava Krebs, soloist

Text:

- 1) Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
- 2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
See what may the tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
- 3) Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

HYMN NO. 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

- 1) Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3) Jesus is our childhood’s pattern; day by day like us he grew; he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
- 4) And our eyes at lest shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children onto the place where he is gone.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

Allison Maus

Let us respond to God’s gracious blessing with our offering. We want to offer a big Thank You to all of you for the generosity of your giving this season. Thank you for your support of our local agencies through the Angel Tree, covering the Out of the Cold room and food expenses, donating to the Christmas Day Dinner, and all the other ways you’ve offered something of yourself this season. We are so grateful to be a part of a congregation that cares for its community! Let us continue this posture of open hands and open hearts with our offering this morning.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Bless and use them to proclaim your grace, for we offer them so that all people may know the riches of your love in the coming of Christ. Amen.

HYMN NO. 146

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

- 1) Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.
- 2) Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him; heaven’s star shone brightly forth, glory all around him. Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing; all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.
- 3) Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Arranged by David Cherwien