



Welcome to Worship

December 31, 2023

9:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Invitation to Attentiveness

John Porter

Guided Reflection

John Porter

“the real you is what is within you. What is behind your joy or your melancholy. What gives you the reason to ponder. What moves or stops you. What makes you is you.”

Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

How are you noticing God’s steadfast love moving or stopping you this morning?

Cover Art: Inspiration by Francois Girard

Introit Hymn No. 635

“Sing Praise & Bless the Lord”

*Hymn No. 143

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Prayer of Preparation

Linda Giles

Hearing the Word

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Linda Giles

Anthem

“Nunc Dimittis” (Lord, You Now Have Set Your Servant Free)
Traditional Plainchant and English Setting

by Katie Kring

Children’s Time

Deannine Shipman

Children’s Hymn No. 136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

John Porter

Meditation

John Porter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

***Litany for New Year**

John Porter

Leader: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

People: A church united across space and time.

Leader: A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

People: A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

Leader: The one who is seated on the throne says to us: "See, I am making all things new!"

People: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is among God's people.

Leader: God's future is epic, and it's good news.

People: Remember God's future, for this is our story!

Announcements

Deannine Shipman

Call to Offering

Deannine Shipman

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory Hymn No. 147

"The First Nowell"

Doxology No. 605

"Praise to God the Father"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Linda Giles

***Hymn No. 132 v. 2&3**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

John Porter

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

John Porter

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. 134, v. 2,3&4**

"Joy to the World"

***Charge**

John Porter

***Benediction**

John Porter

Postlude

Do you make your contributions online? As we head into 2024, if you have changed your pledge:

- Online Giving: if you have a recurring contribution set up, please log in to your account and make any necessary updates. If you need help with this, reach out to Michelle and she will either help you OR connect you to Online Services. Creating a new recurring contribution will not override an existing one; existing ones must be deleted or stopped.

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church, our programs or activities offered here, stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:**Head Usher:** Reed Miller**Ushers:** Sharon Ambrose, Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, and Betty Macdonald**Information Desk:** Kim Phillips**Greeters this Morning:****Fraser Street:** Susan Sanders**Parking Lot:** John Marsden**Coffee Hour:****Hosts:** Jamey Perry

Family Fellowship Lunch

You are invited to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 11:15am-12:15 pm in the Social Hall for a Family Fellowship Lunch. The goal of these lunches is to create opportunities for families at all stages of life to gather, connect, and share a meal together.

January 14th | February 11th | March 10th |

April 14th

Pizza and beverages will be provided. A jar will be available if you'd like to make a donation to help cover costs. (Feel free to contact us or bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions).

Please RSVP by the Thursday before each date by texting Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).

Food Bank Needs

For those of you excited about helping the State College Food Bank, here are three of their needs:

- Pasta Sauce
- Condiments
- Tomato Products

For your convenience, items can be dropped here at SCPC at the parking lot, or rear of the sanctuary entrance.

Flowers for 2024 Sunday Worship

For anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2024 Sunday worship services, the flower chart is posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. You may sign up on the chart or call the church office at 814-238-2422.

No Adult Education until January 7th

There will be no Adult Education until January 7th. Join us for Coffee Hour after service today in the Martin Room.

On January 7th, Heather Bruhn will lead a discussion on the "The Epiphany in Art" in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am. Heather will lead us through an exploration of how the Epiphany of Christ has been represented in art.

Connect will also meet again on January 7th in Room 10 at 10:15 am. 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.

Worship Bags Available

Children's Worship Bags will be available for our children during WORSHIP today since there will not be any other children's offerings those days aside from a children's message. Exploration Hour returns on January 7th, 2024.

Thank you!

Today we wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. We also bid farewell to our fearless leader (Interim Choirs Director), Austin Norrid. He has been directing the chancel and bell choirs since September, working to plan and coordinate our worship services. He was also responsible for producing the annual Candlelight Service. We are grateful that he took us on, usually with laughter - doubt the choir will soon forget about singing consonants and dynamics. Good luck, God bless and come back to see, or better yet, sing with us, Austin.

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.



**Sunday, December 31st—New Year's Eve
First Night**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Martin Rm

**Monday, January 1st—New Year's Day
Church Office and Building Closed
Stay and Play Closed**

Tuesday, January 2nd

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 3rd

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—
Zoom/Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH Leader Meeting—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse

Thursday, January 4th

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

Friday, January 5th

Saturday, January 6th

Sunday, January 7th

Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm



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.



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

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