



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00 am and 11:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

- Prelude** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Arranged by Aaron Shows
- Opening Words** Dean Lindsey
- Lighting of the Advent Candle** (9:00 am) Shelby Luther & Jackson Spurling
Responsive Reading—Projected (11:15 am) Lauren Spadt & Anders Sonstebly

(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. 87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
- Call to Confession** Deannine Shipman

*Prayer of Confession
O Lord, your faithful prophets show us the way of peace, but we tangle ourselves in conflict and discord. They shine a light on selfishness and greed, but we hang back in the shadows, afraid of being exposed. The prophets proclaim salvation by the forgiveness of sin but we are slow to embrace the good news. By your mercy, Lord, free us from the fears, uncertainty, and lack of faith that bind us. Help us to embrace the joy that you promise us and all people through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

- *Assurance of Pardon
- (11:15 am) Sharing of the Peace Allison Maus

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

Hearing the Word

Anthem

“Blessed Is the Lord”

by Dan Forrest

(9:00 am) The Chancel Choir (11:15 am) *Chancel Choir Ensemble
*The Ensemble singers led worship at 9:00 also, please excuse them after the anthem.

(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:

Luke 1:67-79

Sermon

“The One who will Guide Us in the Way of Peace”

Dean Lindsey

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 109**

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Out of the Cold

Reed Miller

Call to Offering

***Doxology**

***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. 106**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

***Benediction**

***(9:00 am) Sharing of the Peace**

Postlude

“Postludium”

by Adolf Hesse

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 Banfiled, Clay Kleinman

(11:15 am) Head Usher: Sharon Manno

Ushers: Betty Macdonald, Paul Patterson, Vivian Noll, Juli Mortimore

Greeters this Morning:**(9:00 am) & (11:15 am)** Fraser Street— John and Carol Graham**(9:00 am) & (11:15 am)** Parking Lot—Mary Hartzell**Coffee Hour this Morning:****Host:** Jamey and Owen Perry**Assistants:** Betty Macdonald and Rebecca Thomas

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers were provided by Ken and Sharon Manno with thanks and best wishes to all who helped to make these past 12 months so successful for our church.

Here's What's Happening at SCPC

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias this year for Christmas. Each poinsettia plant will be \$12.00 and you may designate who it will be in honor or memory of. Order forms are in the back of the Sanctuary and are due by December 5, 2021. Poinsettias will then be picked up after the 11:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

Advent Organ Recital Series

Advent Organ Recital Series will take place on Wednesday December 8 and 15 at 12:15 pm. The short recitals (about 30 minutes) will be followed by a simple soup lunch for fellowship. This year's recitalists are: December 8 - Heike Burghart Rice, University Baptist and Brethren Church; December 15 - Claude Fabinyi, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altoona.

Adult Education

This morning at 10:15 am, Heather Bruhn will be teaching on Images of the Annunciation and Christ's Incarnation. Come join a discussion of a very common motif in the Medieval and Renaissance eras: the Annunciation and Incarnation. This will take place in Westminster Hall.

Next Sunday, the Social Justice and Mission Team will share an overview of how our church congregation has been giving to organizations throughout 2021. Come Join us next Sunday to learn more.

Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—Next Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room following the 9:00 am worship service next Sunday. 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).

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree, located on the Bridge, has many angels to choose from! Please join the community of givers who are fulfilling Christmas wishes and spreading the joy of the season. Gifts need to be delivered to the church office by December 13th.

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.

Flower Chart for 2022

Anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2022 Sunday worship services, the new flower chart is now posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. Or, call or email the church office at 814-238-2422 or officescpc@gmail.com.

Candlelight Service

The candlelight choir is back this year with the Christmas Candlelight Service will then be held on Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 pm. There will be childcare for children through kindergarten. The service will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel.

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 1:00pm - 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.



This Week at SCPC

Sunday, December 5

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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
- 12:00 pm YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 1:00 pm BYOQ—Social Hall
- 1:00 pm Deacon Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Candlelight Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Monday, December 6

- 5:30 pm Personnel Ministry Unit—Martin Room
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts—Westminster Hall

Tuesday, December 7

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:30 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 8

- 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
- 8:00 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, December 9

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Adult Ed Committee—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Room

Friday, December 10

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Room (Bring a Lunch)

Saturday, December 11

- 10:00 am Candlelight Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm College Study Space—Fireside Room

Sunday, December 12

- 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 Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 12:00 pm YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 12:30 pm - 8:00 pm—College Study Space—Fireside Room
- 4:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service (and Live Streamed)
- 7:00 pm Session—Social Hall/Zoom

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 will meet in the Fireside Room and High School students will meet in the Tower Room.

SafeChurch Training 2021

Anyone who volunteers with children and youth needs to attend a SafeChurch Training session. Due to the pandemic, we have not offered this training in quite awhile.

We are now offering the training session on Zoom.

If you sign up, you will need to get a training booklet from the church office, or ask that one be mailed to you. We can do electronic copies, but you would have to print it before the training.

The date for the training is: Dec. 6th, 7pm, leadership will be Laura Steager and Deannine Shipman

Here is the link to the Sign Up Genius, and the zoom link is provided there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a5af29aa8-safechurch5>

This link is also on our website to make it easier for you!



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