

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.

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!



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December 6, 2020

DECEMBER 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake"
Setting by Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP Anna and Jason Stimmel
Prepare the way for the Lord!
Make straight a highway for our God,
for the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and we will all see it together:
God's promised reign of justice and peace as our Savior
comes to us!

HYMN NO. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Cantor: Karen Neff

- 1) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
- 2) Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
- 3) Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Michael Ozaki

CALL TO CONFESSION Dean Lindsey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the days that have been, O God, we have walked along crooked paths strewn with our selfishness and greed, our prejudice, and our apathy. We confess that we have hidden from your light, for in it all is exposed. The love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones. On this day we admit to you our failings, where we have wandered, when we have not listened. We confess to you our sin, seeking your forgiveness. In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power to transform hearts and minds. Fill us

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 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 Poinsettia Orders

As in previous years, we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Each poinsettia plant will be \$10 and you may designate who it will be in honor or memory of. Orders will be taken until December 13th. Please send your check to the church, 132 West Beaver Avenue and indicate "poinsettia" on the memo line.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6

10:00 am Worship Service,
YouTube

12:30 pm Deacons—Zoom

Monday, December 7

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, December 8

9:15 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting—
Zoom

5:30 pm Geckos, Bible
Worship Skills

6:30 pm Chrysalis—Zoom

7:30 pm Advent Small Group—
Zoom

Wednesday, December 9

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom

6:30 pm FISH—Zoom

Thursday, December 10

9:15 am Staff Meeting,
Zoom

6:00 pm Presbyterian
Student Fellow-
ship—Zoom

7:00 pm Adult Ed Commit-
tee—Zoom

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 11

7:00 pm Festival Friday -
Facebook Live or
YouTube

Saturday, December 12

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 11—"Below Centre", low brass quartet at 7:00 and "Penn Sax", a Penn State Student saxophone quartet at 9:00.

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.

with peace in our souls that we may take your peace into our war-weary world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayer written by the Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

"Al Shoshla D'varim"

Allan E. Naplan

Laura Essinger-Hileman, soloist

Text:

Alshlosa, alshlosa d'varim haolam kayam.

Ashlosa, ashlosa d'varim haolam kayam.

Alhaemet v'al hadin v'al hashalom, hshalom.

Alshlosa, alshlosa d'varim haolam kayam.

"The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace."

Text from Pirkei Avot, Jewish Morality Laws

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: Psalm 85:4-13

⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation towards us.

⁵ Will you be angry with us for ever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶ Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

SERMON "Awaken to Peace" Dean Lindsey

MINUTE FOR MISSION Christmas Day Dinner

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Allison Maus

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. 373 "O Day of Peace"

- 1) O day of peace that dimly shines through all our
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus-
tice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish
schemes. May swords of hate fall from our
hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by
God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's
promised reign of peace.
- 2) Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor
shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and
cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them
all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all crea-

tures find their true accord; the hope of peace
shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the
Lord.

BENEDICTION

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE -Johann Sebastian Bach

"Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland"

Adult Ed for December 6

Location: State College Presbyterian YouTube Channel

"Wake, Awake! The King of Chorales"

Say "Wake, Awake" to many organists and church musi-
cians and they will immediately begin playing one ver-
sion of the German Chorale "Wachet Auf" in their head.
The hymn was written in 1599 and has been in hymnals
ever since. Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelsohn, Reger, and
Distler loved the tune and used it in their compositions.
We'll listen to some compositions using the hymn and
talk about it's history and meaning.