



February 16, 2025
9:30 am
Scout Sunday

Welcome! State College Presbyterian Church is a warm, diverse, dynamic faith community with people of all ages and generations coming together to learn, serve, and worship together.

Serving this Morning:

Ushers:

Head Usher: Curt Dell

Ushers: Kevin Astare, Nancy Dreschel,
Katie Stone, and Melanie Wassom

Information Desk: Scott Sesler

Liturgist: Paul Mortimore

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry, Sharon
Manno, and Reed Miller

Greeters: Scouts from Troop 32
and Cub Scout Pack 32

Musicians: Chancel Choir and
Handbell Choir



In response to God's unconditional love and Jesus' example of hospitality, State College Presbyterian Church is called to be a welcoming community. We affirm all people equally, regardless of, for example, race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, religious background, or circumstance of life. We are committed to removing barriers that separate us. As we gather in worship, fellowship, and service, all are welcome.

Order of Worship

*The Congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

“Festival Piece on ‘Nicaea’”
Handbell Choir

John B. Dykes
arr. Benjamin Harlan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

Reed Dressler

L: Come, let us bow down in worship,

P: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

L: for the Lord is our God

**P: and we are the people of God’s pasture,
the flock under God’s care.**

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Shout to the Lord”

Darlene Zschech

*My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You*

*Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I’ll love You
Forever I’ll stand
Nothing compares
to the promise
I have in You*

***Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel:

P: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response to Assurance**

Paul Vasile



Glo-ry to God, ___ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, ___



whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, ___ whose love has set me free.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Inspiration

Paul Mortimore

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Page 424 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“Hymn of Promise”
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Tom Fettke

Children’s Time

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 is not in the live shot.

Song after Children’s Time

Hymn No. 377, v. 1

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him, there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17–26

Page 838 in the pew Bible

L: This is the Word of the Lord and let all the people say—

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Blessed Are...”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Hymn**

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

No. 773

Affirmation of Faith

We believe as Jesus taught:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you. Amen.**

Call to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of SCPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. To give online, please scan the QR code on the card in the pew rack or inside the front cover of the pew pad. You may also mail a check to the church office. If you give online or via the mail, you are invited to place one of the cards from the pew rack in the plate as it is passed.

Thank you for your support!

Offertory **“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”** arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Handbell Choir

***Doxology Hymn**

No. 608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore;

praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The 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**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

No. 80

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

"Jubilate Deo universa terra"
(Rejoice in God, all the earth)

Peter Sheehan



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Room 101 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 (CW&S)*** which meets in Room 11 and Westminster Hall on the lower level.

Exploration Hour Beginning at 10:30 am

Pathways (Age 3 to grade 5) - Meets in Rooms 209 and 210 on the upper level. Children will be taken directly from Children, Worship & Song unless the teacher is told differently. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

Oasis (grades 6-12) – Meets 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.

Adult Education – Meets in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Coffee and other goodies will be served from Coffee Hour in this class.

Today our class is led by Lee Powers on "Out of the Cold: Shelter, Help, and Moving Forward" in Westminster Hall. Lee Powers has been serving as a Shelter Coordinator for Out of the Cold since May 2023. His valuable lived experience provides a unique and insightful perspective in his work, enabling him to connect with and support our guests in a deeply meaningful way.

Connect— Meets 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. Coffee and other goodies from Coffee Hour will be served during Connect.

EXPLORATION HOUR

Scout Sunday

We are pleased to join with churches across the country in celebrating Scout Sunday, a day to honor the founding of Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America) in 1910, and commemorating the strong relationship between Scouting and faith organizations. SCPC has partnered with Scouting since 1916, and currently offers programs to boys and girls ages 5-18. We are proud to charter Cub Scout Pack 32, and Scouts BSA Troop 32. Look for the Scouts and Scouters in church today for more information, or stop by the church on Monday evenings to visit!

Membership Opportunity – February 23rd

Anyone interested in learning more about and possibly joining our church family is invited to join us for our Winter Membership Opportunity on February 23rd following the worship service in the Martin Room. This meeting will be a chance to learn about membership here at SCPC and to hear from Pastor Scott.



Please **RSVP to Martha Trout**, our Membership & Program Associate (marthascpc@gmail.com) so we can be prepared for everyone. We're looking forward to seeing you!

Looking Forward to Legacy Sunday – March 2nd

Legacy Sunday is a very important day in the life of our church, and we will be celebrating it on March 2. Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley will be with us. Rev. Johns-Kelley is the Ministry Relations Officer for the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region for the Presbyterian Foundation and is based in Pittsburgh. She will lead our worship service and afterward, she will share information with us in our Adult Education program about how easy it is for all of us to provide for our church in our long-range giving plans. This is something we all should be thinking about. Please plan to join us.

Sound/Projection/Livestream Volunteers Needed

Did you hear that? Did you see that?

If so, it is likely that one of our dedicated sound, projection, and livestream volunteers made sure everything was running smoothly for worship. We all owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the small, dedicated group of folks who make sure our audio-visual systems are up and running each and every Sunday (and for special events like funerals). Without them we would be lost!

And here's the good news: YOU can join them! We are always looking for more volunteers to help and that could be you. Comprehensive training is provided and you can choose to help whenever you are available. If interested, please reach out the church office at officespc@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with the right folks.

Save
The Date



"We need not a new set of beliefs, but a new way of believing, not simply new answers to the same old questions, but a new set of questions."

The Henszey Lecture Series Presents Brian McLaren
April 5-6, 2025

"Life After Doom: A Guide to a Better Church,
a Better World"

Register NOW using the QR Code or
visit our website www.scpresby.org



Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation!
Senior Pastor: The Rev. Scott Hoffman
Director of Education and Program: Deannine Shipman
Director of Music Ministry: Heike Burghart Rice
Interim Director of Youth Ministry: Reed Dressler
Membership and Program Associate: Martha Trout
Financial Administrator: Michelle Fortin
Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry
Assistant Custodian: Chelsea Hockenberry
Church Secretary: Laura Green
Mission Associate: Cricket Hunter
Stay and Play Preschool Director: Laura Seeley
Stay and Play Assistant Director: Dianna Danko
Interim Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at scpresby.org.

If you are an online attendee, we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually 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.



Calendar

Sun 16

Scout Sunday

- AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship, &
Song, Rm 11/
Westminster Hall
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Session, Martin Rm
PM 2:00 YoPro Movie, Fireside Rm

Mon 17

- PM 6:00 Scouts Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
6:30 SJMT, Zoom
7:00 CAYAM, Zoom
7:00 Scouts Pack Meeting,
Social Hall
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 18

- AM 8:00 Building and Property,
Rm 10
9:00 SMART Work Day
10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer,
Zoom
4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS – Geckos
5:00 LOGOS – Chrysalis

- 5:30 Nominating Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm
7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

Wed 19

- PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
7:00 Generosity Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm
7:00 Spiritual Life, Zoom

Thurs 20

- PM 5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice,
Choir Rm

Sun 23

- AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship, &
Song, Rm 11/
Westminster Hall
10:30 Exploration Hour
10:30 Membership
Opportunity, Martin Rm
PM 1:00 Youth Ministry Advisory
Committee, Zoom