

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.

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 Bob Igo (814)280-0437 or rli2@psu.edu.

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays at Noon

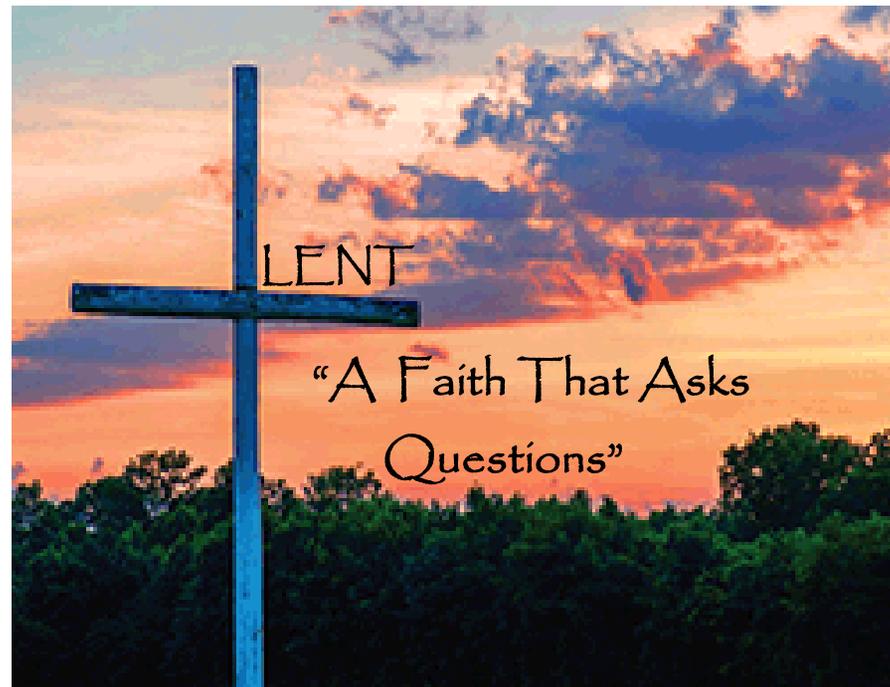
The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via Zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together. Contact Allison Maus for more information.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word continues with their study of "A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount -- Living out the Way of Jesus" by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom 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.

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.



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February 21, 2021

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE "Meditation" Betty Jackson King

CALL TO WORSHIP Greg and Linda Giles

Let us worship God with our lips,
singing songs of praise.
Let us worship God with our ears,
listening for the Spirit.
Let us worship God with our minds,
seeking to understand.
Let us worship God with our hearts,
learning to love one another.
Let us worship God with our hands,
finding ways to serve.
Let us worship God together,
receiving strength to live by faith.

HYMN No. 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Cantor: Karen Neff

- 1) Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
- 2) As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.
- 3) And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.
- 4) Abide with us, till when this life or suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

CALL TO CONFESSION Allison Maus

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, we need you to remind us of who we are, for we too readily forget. We confess that we allow others to define or distract us. You bless us with the gifts we need to be your followers, and they tell us that is not enough. You invite us into community, but we've heard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 21

**Worship Service,
YouTube**

9:00 am Coffee Hour—Zoom
11:00 am Adult Ed—YouTube
11:00 am Senior High Sunday
School—Zoom

6:30 pm LOGOS Geckos
Worship Skills
6:30 pm Chrysalis

Wednesday, February 24

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom
6:30 pm FISH

Monday, February 22

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom
7:00 pm Education Ministry
Unit—Zoom
7:30 pm Scouts, Westminster
Hall, Social Hall
8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Thursday, February 25

6:00 pm Presbyterian Student
Fellowship—
Social Hall

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

Tuesday, February 23

9:15 am Staff Meeting—
Zoom
12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting—
Zoom

Sunday Morning Worship

Indoor Worship has been suspended for now. You may watch the Sunday service on the State College Presbyterian Church YouTube channel or on our website www.scpresby.org.

Coffee Hour is Back (It will be virtual for now)

Would you like to have some nice conversations with other folks from the church? Then please join us on Sundays at 9:00. Our moderators will come up with a few topics each week, and participants will be split up into table groups of five or six to share their thoughts before being called back to the larger group. A link to join the Zoom Coffee Hour will be available in the weekly email or webpage (www.presby.org).

Adult Education

February 21, 2021
Location—YouTube

“Order and Ardor, Presbyterians in America” Part One: The Early Years 1640-1706

In this first of three classes, **Pastor Emeritus Chuck Curley** will focus on the background of the journey of Presbyterians to this country in the colonial period. The story of Presbyterian immigration will begin with the “from the bottom up” Reformation in Scotland, the creation of the Westminster Confession, and the founding of the first American Presbytery.

Lenten Devotionals

Our theme for Lent this year is “A Faith That Asks Questions.” Join us as we reflect and ask ALL the questions together through our Lenten devotionals. Why is it important to our faith to ask questions? How can someone be born again? Who is my neighbor? Which political party would Jesus join? What does it mean to forgive when I don’t feel like it? How am I being called to bring more of my gifts? What becomes possible when I can’t resort to my usual way of doing things? How can I learn from others so I might grow to see my faith differently? What makes my faith come alive? How do I remove the plank from my eye? What am I waiting for? We won’t find all the answers, but we hope journeying with our questions will draw us closer to each other and our hope in Christ. Share a question, reflect on why that question informs or challenges your faith, and offer a prayer or piece of scripture. Submit your reflections to Mary Jane Kistler (mkistler1983@gmail.com) or Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com).

Presbytery Prayer List

Please include in prayers this week:
All pastors and Congregations
as Lent begins

it’s best to go it alone. Help us to draw from your strength, for you are the source of all hope and life. By your mercy, bring us into deeper communion with one another and with you through the grace of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S TIME

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

“Call to Remembrance”

Richard Farrant

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

SERMON

“Lent Questions”

Dean Lindsey

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Michael Ozaki

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. 76 "Do Not Be Afraid"

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

1) Look up, a new thing I am doing; it springs forth; look and see it grow. Through wilderness I'll make a level highway; through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.

Refrain

2) I am God, who blots out your transgressions; for my own sake I do not chide or blame. Only this much I ask, that you love me and seek me and honor my name.

Refrain

3) The Lord, the Holy One of Israel has promised to lead us on our way, and we who love and worship God our Maker will listen to hear the Spirit say:

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Offertory" H. Leslie Adams

During the month of February (Black History Month) we will hear preludes and postludes by Black Composers.

Betty Jackson King (1928-1994) was born in Chicago and received her early musical training from her mother, Gertrude Jackson Taylor. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at Roosevelt University. She taught music and directed the high school choir in the public school in Wildwood, New Jersey, before her 1989 retirement. From 1979-1984 she was President of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. She has written many choral works, art songs, and arrangements of spirituals which are widely performed.

Harrison Leslie Adams (b. 1932) is considered one of today's leading composers in African American Art song. He has written many songs for voice and piano and is equally at ease writing for orchestra, chamber ensemble, organ, piano, and chorus. Adams received his primary education from Cleveland, Ohio public schools and moved on to Oberlin College Conservatory of Music to study composition, voice, and piano for his Bachelors. Adams completed his Masters in 1967 at California State University and earned his Ph. D at Ohio State University. He has taken on the role of piano accompanist for various ballet and dance companies (including studios of Ballet Russe, Robert Joefrey and June Taylor); received numerous performances of his compositions by a variety of artists (including composer debut at Judson Hall); and has held positions at Florida A & M University and University of Kansas as assistant professor of music. Leslie Adams's talent has earned him multitude of awards, the highest among them being the National Award for Original Composition for Choral Art and the National Endowment for the Arts Award. Currently, he acts as artist-in-residence and President of Creative Arts, Inc., artist-in residence at Seifullah, and music director of Grace Presbyterian Church in Ohio.