



February 23, 2025
9:30 am

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: Jamey Perry

Liturgist: Dick Bundy

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry, Liane
Roe, and Reed Miller

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Karen and Bob Johnson
Fraser Street: Mary Hartzell

Musicians: GECKOS Choir and
Chancel Choir

The Sanctuary Flowers in honor of Fred and Joanne Thompson and James Wood's Birthday in Heaven given by Scott and Terri Thompson.



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

Love Medley arr. Marilyn Ham
("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" "O How He Loves You and Me"
"My Jesus, I Love Thee")

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**

Deannine Shipman

L: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

L: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

P: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 630

***Call to Confession**

Reed Dressler

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Prayer for Inspiration

Dick Bundy

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3–11,15
Page 37 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”
GECKOS Choir

James Brighton

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 6:27–38

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

The Golden Rule

Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Hymn**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

No. 795

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them

P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished

P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it

Profession of Faith

L: Trusting in the Gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God’s help

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions of the Congregation

L: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

L: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

P: We do.

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

“I Give to You a New Commandment”
Chancel Choir

Peter Nardone

***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**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

No. 300 v. 1-3

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello
arr. Hal H. Hopson

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 Heather Bruhn on "Art and Power". Join Heather on an exploration of the ways in which art and architecture reflect and project power. Drawing on a recent trip to Italy, this will mainly deal with art and architecture of the 13th through the 17th century.

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

Membership Opportunity – TODAY

Anyone interested in learning more about and possibly joining our church family is invited to join us for our Winter Membership Opportunity today 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.



Looking Forward to Legacy Sunday – Next Sunday

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 officescpc@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with the right folks.



PARKING VOUCHERS FOR TODAY

If you parked in the Beaver Avenue parking garage today you can stop by the information desk or the Fraser Street Entrance to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking.

LOGOS Visit Night for Kindergartners – Tuesday, March 18th



As LOGOS nears the end of this program year, we would like to invite children who will be in first grade next year to come visit. Your child will be eligible to fully participate in everything this one night to get a glimpse of our program. Then come September they can join for the whole year.

LOGOS is on Tuesday nights from 4:15 pm to 7:00 pm. Questions? Call Deannine (814-238-2422) or our LOGOS Director, Janet Schaufler (814-883-5692).

Change in Communion on March 2nd

When we next celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together worshippers should take note that there will be a change in the trays. Beginning March 2nd, we will offer wine as an option in the communion trays. The cups filled with wine will be in the inner circle of the trays (closest to the pieces of bread) and the cups in the outer circle will contain grape juice. Please note this change and be sure to choose the cup you prefer when served during worship.

Easter Flowers—Orders Due by March 16th

Orders are being taken until Sunday, March 16th, for spring flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. Each plant costs \$9.50 and the order forms are on the back tables in the Sanctuary and on our website. You may take your plant with you following the service on Easter morning.

Deacons Bingo Event

The SCPC Deacons are hosting the second annual social Bingo event for all ages on Sunday, March 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Westminster Hall. The free fellowship event will feature snacks and drinks, along with games of Bingo for small prizes. Come to have fun and invite a friend!

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Wandering Women Organizational Meeting

It's time to plan our walks for 2025! On March 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Martin Room, we will gather to choose dates and leaders for our time together this year. Typically, we walk monthly from April through October. All women in the church are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Kim Phillips (kgphillips@comcast.net) or Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com).



Parking Notice – Bank Parking Lot

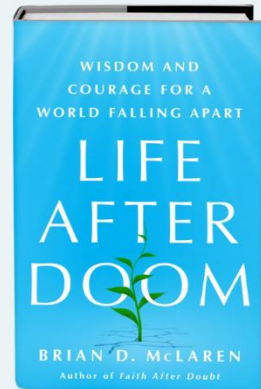
Recently a number of church members have been towed (and paid the price) because, finding our parking lot full, they parked in the bank parking lot behind. We urge all NOT to park in this lot. The cost to retrieve your vehicle is close to \$300! We are all about supporting local businesses—but not in this way!

The Henszey Lecture Presents Brian McLaren

"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."



Register Now!



Broken Pews

Those who have been in the sanctuary lately may have noticed a couple of our pews have been roped off. These pews have significant cracks in the wood and will need to be repaired before we can safely allow folks to sit on them. We appreciate your patience as we work to get these repairs done—especially if one of “your” pews is affected!



Life After Loss Offered at St. Paul's United Methodist Church

St. Paul's United Methodist Church & Wesley Foundation is offering Life After Loss (LAL), an educational support group designed for persons grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

Leaders will include Renae Schunk, Director of Care Ministries, Pastor Greg Milinovich, and several qualified LAL Team members, all of whom have experienced loss of loved ones.

The six-week LAL group is being held on Sundays, beginning on March 23rd, at St. Paul's. The participants will meet from 12:00 to 2:30 pm in the Asbury Room/Library on the third floor of the church building (enter via Calder Way – elevator available). Free parking is available. Each session will begin with a light lunch (materials and lunch provided at no cost).

All who are 18 years and older and at least 3 months removed from the death of a loved one are welcome. Please **RSVP by March 17th**. For questions or to register for LAL, contact [Renae Schunk](#) at **(814) 237-2163 ext. 152**.

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 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 Committee
Meeting, Zoom
2:30 The Orpheus Singers'
Performance

Mon 24

PM 6:00 Scouts Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
7:00 Education Ministry Unit,
Martin Rm
7:00 Men's Bible Study,
Fireside Rm
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 25

AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer,
Zoom

4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS – Geckos
5:00 LOGOS – Chrysalis
7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

Wed 26

PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
8:00 Women's Fellowship,
Federal Taphouse

Thurs 27

PM 5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice,
Choir Rm

Sun 2

Communion Sunday

Legacy 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 Deacons' Meeting, Martin
Rm