



February 2, 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,
Greg Elliott, and Katie Stone

Information Desk: Tod
McPherson

Liturgist: Richard Page

Coffee Hour: Reed Miller, Blair
and Diana Malcom

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Dan and Gail Miller
Fraser Street: Judy Killam and Jane
Butler

Musicians: Chancel Choir and
Chrysalis Choir

Guest Organist: Ned Wetherald



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

“Elegy”

Ned Wetherald

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: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

P: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

L: God has held us since our birth.

P: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

L: In love, God saves and supports us.

P: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 275

***Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. 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

Richard Page

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 71:1–6

Page 463 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“What Does the Lord Require?”

Mark Burrows

Chrysalis Choir

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 4:21–30

Page 835 in the pew Bible

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Not As Special As We Think”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

*Hymn

“Though I May Speak”

No. 693

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

“Elevation”

Jean Langlais

*Doxology Hymn

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Instructions

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of the Cup

Song During Communion

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Donald Busarow

Prayer following communion

***Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 463

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

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 Annie Cross "A Story of Violence and Freedom in Reconstruction-Era Virginia". Anne will discuss the self-emancipation of formerly enslaved peoples, and the country's efforts to remake itself during Reconstruction. Dr. Cross is an art historian specializing in American Art of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a particular focus on the histories of photography and the material culture of illustrated newspapers and magazines.

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

Juniper Village Block Party

Multigenerational
afternoon gathering for
viewing worship, snacking,
visiting, and singing.

Join us!

TODAY, 2:45-4:00

and first Sundays of
every other month.

Sign up: [tinyURL.com/Juniper2025](https://tinyurl.com/Juniper2025)



Stay & Play Preschool Enrollment for 2025/2026

Registration for SCPC Members is open today!

Open Enrollment to the Public begins February 5th

Please get in touch with Laura Seeley, Director of Stay & Play Preschool via email (stayandplaysepc@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

Save The Date



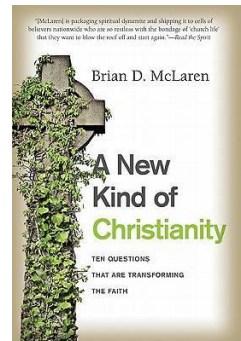
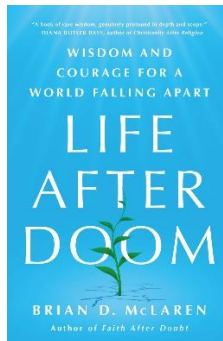
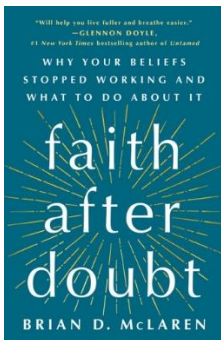
"We need not a new set of beliefs, but a new way of believing, not simply new answers to the same old questions, but a new set of questions."

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




Registration for the Henszey Lecture with Brian McLaren is now open! For more information, please visit our website. There are also books still available to borrow in front of the church office. Please return after you are finished so others can enjoy.




Chrysalis

Coffee House



Silent Auction proceeds and donations will benefit



Jana Marie Foundation

7pm - Friday - February 14th - 2025

Church Office Hours

Please note our current church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays, 9:00 am to noon. Our staff works hard to keep the office open during these hours for regular church business, but sometimes these hours must be adjusted (even with little to no notice). We strongly encourage anyone planning to stop by the church office to call ahead (even during normal hours) just to make sure someone will be there to assist you.

Also, please note that during Stay and Play Preschool Hours (Monday through Friday 9:00 to 3:00) large sections of the building are kept secure and all visitors will need to be let in/through those areas and sign-in in the church office. We strongly recommend those coming to the church office during preschool hours access the building via the Fraser Street door. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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
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
Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon
Assistant Financial Administrator: Anne Thomas

**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 2

Communion 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,
Fireside Rm
- PM 2:00 YoPro Game, Fireside Rm
2:45 Juniper Village Block Party

Mon 3

- PM 4:30 LOGOS Coordinator
Meeting, Fireside Rm
5:00 Worship Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm
6:00 Den Meeting, Rm 10 & 11
7:00 Scouts Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 4

- 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
7:00 Personnel Committee
Meeting, Rm 10

7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

Wed 5

- AM 11:00 Membership Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm
- PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Zoom/Fireside Rm
5:00 Stay and Play Open House,
Westminster Hall
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm

Thurs 6

- PM 1:00 Visitation Deacons
Meeting, Rm10
5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice,
Choir Rm

Sat 8

- PM 3:00 Peer Leaders' Meeting,
Fireside Rm

Sun 9

- 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