



January 12, 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: Sharon Manno  
Ushers: Melissa Pike, Liane Roe, Jon Schwantes, and Leslie Stafford

**Information Desk:** Jim DeWolfe

**Liturgist:** Glen Blume

**Coffee Hour:** Jamey Perry, Reed Miller, Katherine Allen and John Marsden

### **Greeters:**

Parking Lot: Nikki Blake  
Fraser Street: Maggie Foster

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Miriam Eli Roe by Liane Roe, with gratitude to this faith community for supporting those who are gender non-conforming.



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**

“For Everyone Born”

Shirley Erna Murray

## **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: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

**P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!**

L: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

**P: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!**

L: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

**P: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!**

L: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

**P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!**

## **\*Hymn**

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

No. 10

## **\*Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Corporate Confession**

**Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. 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

Glen Blume

## First Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

*Page 438 in the pew Bible*

## Anthem

“My Son, the Beloved”  
Chancel Choir

David Blackwell

## 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

Mark 1:4–11

*Page 812 in the pew Bible*

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Baptized”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*Hymn**

“Lord, Prepare Me”

No. 701

## 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**

“The Voice of the Lord”

Michael Morrow

**\*Doxology Hymn** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 608

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

## **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**                      “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”                      No. 688

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**    “Baptism”    E. Perrot

## **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**

***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 Paul Mortimore on the topic “Reconciliation”. Reconciliation is the restoration of a relationship to a harmonious state after a dispute; it is the bringing of accord out of discord between two parties. This is the second part of a two-part series.

***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.

## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT - a fun, rewarding experience on Sunday mornings as a part of the Congregational Fellowship “coffee time” team. It’s easy to do and you get to meet new folks and see many friends. There are two VOLUNTEER shifts. You can sign up for either or both on any given Sunday. Signing up assures coverage and planning for each Sunday. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## Live Stream of Joel Blunk’s Memorial Service

The Celebration of Life for Joel Blunk will take place on January 18, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W Washington St. Shepherdstown, WV. Because there are a number of local friends of Joel and Kristen and their family who cannot make it to West Virginia, SCPC will offer a live stream of the service in our sanctuary at the same date and time. This will be open to anyone who would like to view the livestream in a more communal setting. All are welcome. Please contact the church office, Roger Garthwaite, or Rob Huffard if there are any questions. And, of course, please continue to keep Kristen and her extended family in your prayers.

## Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 26th

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 26 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation ~ in the sanctuary.  
Printed Annual Reports will be available on the back table as well as one you can read online on our website on January 26.





# Thank you

to all who organized,  
cooked, donated,  
served, cleaned up,  
welcomed, and showed  
up to eat SCPC  
Christmas Dinner!  
We provided 230 meals,  
and created a warm and  
celebratory place to be.



many 2024 photos  
@ Month in Review



## Juniper Village Block Party

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

**Join us!**

**Feb 2, 2:45-4:00**

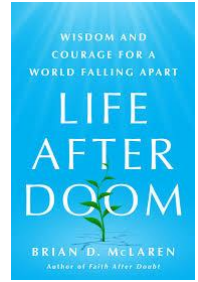
and first Sundays of  
every other month.

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



## Brian McLaren Books Are Available

Brian McLaren will be giving a series of talks and discussions here at SCPC on April 4-6<sup>th</sup> as the Henszey Lecturer. The church has purchased some of Brian's books to be shared with the congregation. They will be displayed on the small table by the Information Desk in front of the church office. Feel free to borrow one and pass it on. We will offer an Exploratory Hour discussion of Brian's book, *Life after Doom* on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in a book group study of any of his works please see Roger Garthwaite, Rob Huffard, or any other Spiritual Life Unit members.



## Hosting Out of the Cold

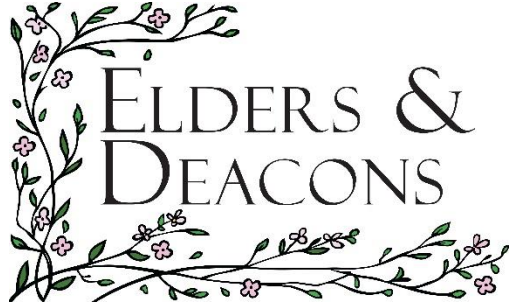
From Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, SCPC will serve as hosts for Out of the Cold dinners at OOTC. You can link directly to the signup at [tinyURL.com/OOTCJan2025](http://tinyURL.com/OOTCJan2025).

There are so many ways to help: Organize your small group or committee to take over one night. In addition to filling a real need, it's a great way to get some visiting time with one another! There will be a member of the Social Justice and Mission Team there to help you get set up at the beginning of each night we are hosting. This is heart work – in reaching out and serving our Across-Atherton neighbors, we also get the chance to serve together with members of this congregational community.



## **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

In November, we elected members to serve in the offices of Elder and Deacon. Today, we will ordain (set apart) those who have not served in these offices previously and install (put in place) those who have served previously. Most have been elected to a three-year term.



**The Elders of the class of 2027 are:** Jamie Bauman (Ordain/Install), Jill Curley (Ordain/Install), Anne Layng (Install), Rob Leicht (Ordain/Install), Ken Manno (Install), Jamey Perry (Install), Cheryl Prince (Install), and Anne Wheeler (Install).

Of those elected to the office of Deacons some have been elected to the specific service of Visitation Deacon. All Deacons are called to a ministry of caring for and serving those in need among us.

**The Deacons are:** Kevin Astore (Ordain/Install), Benton Bickerton (Install), Chip Clark (Ordain/Install), Curt Dell (Install), Greg Elliott (Install), Carol Graham (Install—Visitation), Natalie Hernandez (Ordain/Install), Tracy Massaglia (Install), Gail Miller (Ordain/Install), Bitsey Robertson (Install - Visitation), Marti Sawyer (Install), Mimi St. Clair (Install – Visitation), Katie Stone (Install), and Steve Van Hook (Ordain/Install).

Those unable to join us will be ordained and installed at a future date.

**For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://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 12

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  
PM 2:00 YoPro Game Night,  
Fireside Rm

### Mon 13

PM 4:00 Finance Meeting, Martin  
Rm  
6:00 Scout Den Meeting, Rm 10  
& 11  
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,  
Westminster Hall  
6:30 SJMT, Zoom  
7:00 Men's Bible Study,  
Fireside Rm  
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,  
Zoom

### Tues 14

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 15

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

### Thurs 16

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

### Fri 17

#### PresbyPost Deadline

### Sat 18

#### Scouts Pinewood Derby

PM 1:30 Livestream of Joel Blunk's  
Memorial Service

### Sun 19

#### 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 Session, Martin Rm

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