



January 19, 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: Rob Huffard

Liturgist: John Marsden

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

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Chip and Jeanne Clark
Fraser Street: Jane Butler and Judy Killam

Musicians: Chancel Choir

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Emily Thomas by her mother, Becky Thomas, and Emily's children, Katie, Paul, and David.



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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Minute for Mission: Out of the Cold

Cricket Hunter

***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: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

P: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

L: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

P: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***Hymn**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

No. 363

***Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

***Silent Confession**

*Corporate Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, 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

John Marsden

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Page 592 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“Shed a Little Light”

James Taylor

Scott Hoffman and Chancel Choir

arr. Greg Jasperse

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

Acts 1:1–8

Page 884 in the pew Bible

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Too Light A Thing”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

*Hymn

“My Lord! What a Morning”

No. 352

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpted from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions: Confession of Belhar

We believe that the church must...stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Thomas A Dorsey
arr. Jack Schrader

*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

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

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

No. 747

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

arr. Terri Hutchings

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

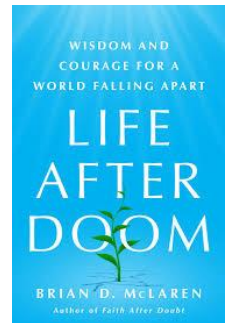
Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old through 2nd grade, are welcome to join **Children, Worship & Song (CW&S)** which meets in Room 11 and Westminster Hall on the lower level.

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 on the book “Life after Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World That is Falling Apart” led by members of the Spiritual Life Ministry Unit in Westminster Hal.

The Spiritual Life Unit is holding a session on an overview of Brian McLaren and some of his recent writings. Brian will be our Henszey Lecture Series guest visiting us on April 4 – 6. For the last quarter-century, author and activist Brian D. McLaren has been writing at the intersection of religious faith and contemporary culture. In *Life After Doom*, he engages with the catastrophic failure of both our religious and political leaders to address the dominant realities of our time: ecological overshoot, economic injustice, and the increasing likelihood of civilizational collapse.



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.



Annual Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday

All active members are encouraged to stay after worship next Sunday for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation ~ in the sanctuary.

Printed Annual Reports will be available on the back table on January 26th as well as one you can read online on our website.



January 26th @6pm
Fireside Room

Enjoy a great movie with
even better discussion!

This month's movie: 1980 The
Elephant Man by David Lynch




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 



Brian McLaren Books Are Available

Brian McLaren will be giving a series of talks and discussions here at SCPC on April 4-6th 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. 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.



We are hosting OOTC

at their place @ 318 S. Atherton St.

January 27— February 2

Your help is needed

mains • sides • drinks
servers • breakfasts • visitors

tinyURL.com/OOTCJan2025

"We are caught in an inescapable network of
mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.
Whatever affects one directly, affects all
indirectly"



—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in
A Letter from the Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday was January 15th, and the holiday in his honor is tomorrow. Today is a perfect day to pause to reflect not only on the work that he began, and all he accomplished, but also on all of the people who contributed their gifts to his success: people who baked casseroles, chartered buses, set up and put away chairs, strategized, and showed up, over and over and over again. May his words and his work inspire us to jump in where we can, to contribute to our "network of mutuality."



Stay & Play Preschool Enrollment for 2025/2026

Current S&P Families may register beginning January 27th
SCPC Members may register beginning February 2nd
Open Enrollment to the Public begins February 5th

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

**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 19

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 Meeting, Martin
Rm

Mon 20

Stay and Play Closed

AM 10:00 Barbara Gross Memorial
Service
PM 7:00 CAYAM, Martin Rm
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 21

AM 8:00 Building and Property
Meeting, Rm 10
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 22

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

Thurs 23

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

Sat 25

Huntingdon Presbytery Meeting

Sun 26

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 Congregational Meeting,
Sanctuary
10:30 Exploration Hour – **No
Adult Education**
11:30 Youth Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Fireside Rm
PM 6:00 Watch Party, Fireside Rm

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