



January 26, 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: Becky Thomas

Ushers: Melissa Pike, Marti Sawyer, Jon Schwantes, and Leslie Stafford

**Information Desk:** Jim DeWolfe

**Liturgist:** John Graham

**Coffee Hour:** Jamey Perry, Blair and Diana Malcom

### **Greeters:**

Parking Lot: John and Connie D’Nunzio

Fraser Street: Maser Family

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir

The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of the 715th meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery given by Ginny Rainey.

Some of the other flowers are given from the family of Fred 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**

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Tim Doran

## **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 built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**P: God calls us to be builders as well.**

L: God calls us to build our lives:

**P: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

L: God calls us to build our faith:

**P: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

L: God calls us to build our community:

**P: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

L: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**P: to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.**

## **\*Hymn**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 610

## **\*Call to Confession**

Reed Dressler

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Corporate Confession**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

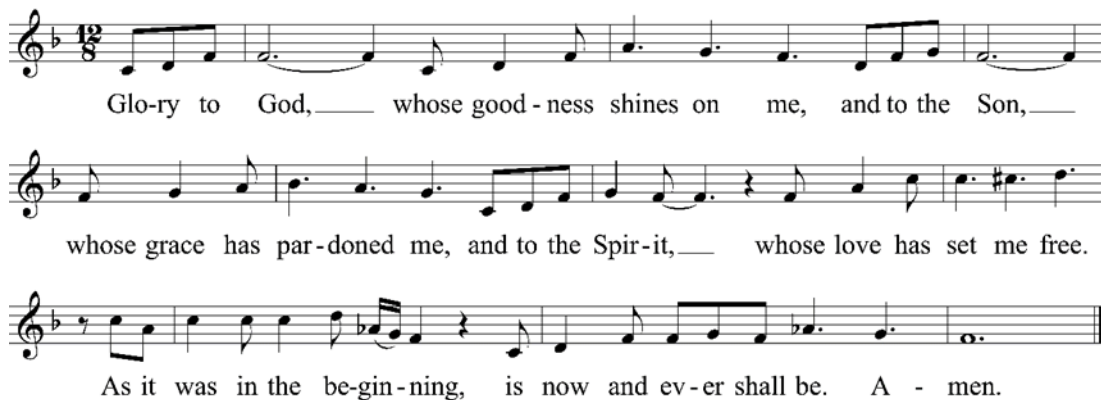
## \*Assurance of Pardon

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 Graham

## First Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
*Page 379 in the pew Bible*

## Anthem

“Ain’-a That Good News!”  
Chancel Choir

William L. Dawson

## 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 4:14–21

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

“To the Word”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## \*Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

No. 726

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Excerpted from the Westminster Larger Catechism*

L: What is the chief and highest end of humankind?

**P: Humankind’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy God forever.**

L: How does it appear that there is a God?

**P: The very light of nature in humankind, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but God’s Word and Spirit only, do sufficiently and effectually reveal God unto humankind for their salvation.**

L: What is the Word of God?

**P: The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.**

L: How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

**P: The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. But the Spirit of God, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of humankind, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very word of God.**

L: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**P: The Scriptures principally teach what humankind is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of humankind.**

## 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**

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

arr. Marilyn Ham

**\*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**

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

No. 539

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

“I Will Give Thanks”

Charles Gounod

## **Annual Congregational Meeting – TODAY**

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

Printed Annual Reports are available on the back table as well as online on our website.



## **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.

**There is no Adult Education or Connect Today!**

EXPLRATION HOUR

TONIGHT @ 6pm  
Fireside Room

Enjoy a great movie with  
even better discussion!

WATCH  
PARTY

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](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 5-6<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. 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.

*Save  
The Date*



The Henszey Lecture Series Presents Brian McLaren

April 5-6, 2025

"Life After Doom: A Guide to a Better Church,  
a Better World"

More Information Coming Soon!



## 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 ([stayandplayspc@gmail.com](mailto:stayandplayspc@gmail.com)) with questions or for more information.



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](https://tinyURL.com/OOTCJan2025)

## **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](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 26

#### Congregational Meeting after Worship

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 – No  
Adult Ed or Connect  
11:30 Youth Advisory  
Committee, Fireside Rm  
PM 6:00 Watch Party, Fireside Rm

### Mon 27

Host Out of the Cold through Feb  
2nd

PM 5:30 Scout Troop Meeting,  
Sanctuary  
6:00 Den Meeting, Rm 10 & 11  
7:00 Education Ministry Unit,  
Martin Rm  
7:00 Men's Bible Study,  
Fireside Rm  
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,  
Zoom

### Tues 28

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 29

PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,  
Zoom/Fireside Rm  
6:00 FISH, OOTC

### Thurs 30

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

### 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, Martin  
Rm  
PM 2:00 YoPro Game Night,  
Fireside Rm  
2:45 Juniper Block Party,  
Juniper Village

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