

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays at Noon

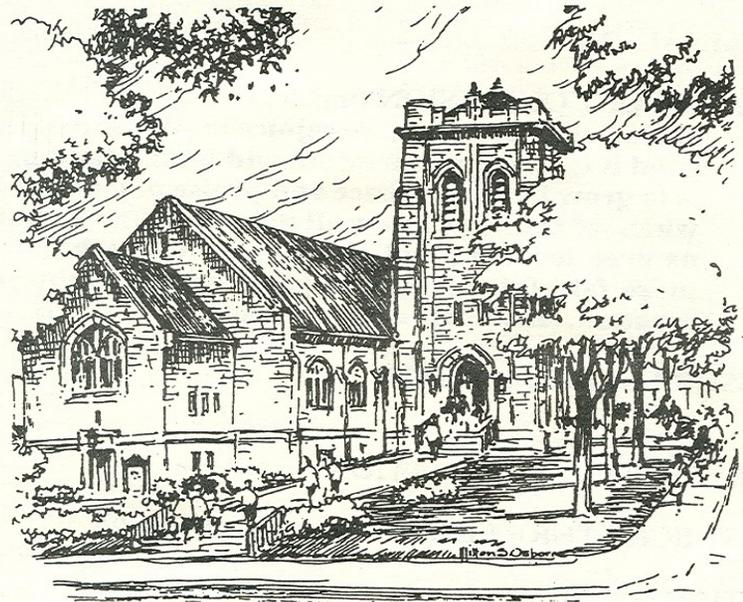
The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via Zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together. Contact Allison Maus for more information.

Wednesday in the Word

Wednesday in the Word continues with their study of "A Deeper Look at the Sermon on the Mount -- Living out the Way of Jesus" by John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 for lunch then 12:45 to 1:45 pm for the study and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

Lenten Devotionals

Our theme for Lent this year is "A Faith That Asks Questions." Join us as we reflect and ask ALL the questions together through our Lenten devotionals. Why is it important to our faith to asks questions? How can someone be born again? Who is my neighbor? Which political party would Jesus join? What does it mean to forgive when I don't feel like it? How am I being called to bring more of my gifts? What becomes possible when I can't resort to my usual way of doing things? How can I learn from others so I might grow to see my faith differently? What makes my faith come alive? How do I remove the plank from my eye? What am I waiting for? We won't find all the answers, but we hope journeying with our questions will draw us closer to each other and our hope in Christ. Share a question, reflect on why that question informs or challenges your faith, and offer a prayer or piece of scripture. Submit your reflections to Mary Jane Kistler (mkistler1983@gmail.com) or Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com).



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JANUARY 31, 2021
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE "Prelude in F Major" Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

CALL TO WORSHIP Donna and Giulia Korzick

HYMN NO. 743 "O God, You Are My God"
 Cantors: Cheryl Price and Bill Lukens
 God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
 I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to
 walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me,
 and I will follow you all of my days.

CALL TO CONFESSION Allison Maus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of healing and hope, we confess that we have been slow to listen to you in prayer or to find our strength in your Word. We have filled our minds with empty distractions. We have failed to nourish our souls with the things that offer true meaning or new life. Heal us we pray, for we have gone astray. Speak to us with authority, and with your powerful mercy break through the barriers we have created. Help us to leave behind the sins that hold us tight to be embraced anew by the love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM "Jesus Calls Us" Joy F. Patterson
 Emily-Margaret Ceres, soloist

- 1) Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
- 2) Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 31

**Worship Service,
 YouTube**
 11:00 am Adult Ed—Zoom

Monday, February 1

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
 Zoom
 8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
 Zoom

Tuesday, February 2

9:15 am Staff Meeting—
 Zoom
 12:00 pm Congregational
 Prayer Meeting—
 Zoom
 5:30 pm LOGOS Geckos—
 Zoom
 6:30 pm Chrysalis—Zoom

Wednesday, February 3

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
 Word—Zoom
 5:30 pm FISH

Thursday, February 4

6:00 pm Presbyterian Student
 Fellowship—Zoom

Friday, February 5

Saturday, February 6

Sunday Morning Worship

Indoor Worship has been suspended for now. You may watch the Sunday service on the State College Presbyterian Church YouTube channel or on our website www.scpresby.org.

Coffee Hour is Coming (It will be virtual for now)

Would you like to have some nice conversations with other folks from the church? Then please join us on Sundays at 9:00 am, beginning on February 7. Our moderators will come up with a few topics each week, and participants will be split up into table groups of five or six to share their thoughts before being called back to the larger group. A link to join the zoom Coffee Hour will be available on the weekly email or webpage (www.presby.org).

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Adult Education

January 31, 2021
Location—Zoom at 11:00 am

“An Architectural History of American Churches”

Ever wonder how churches came to look like how they do? Well, you’re in luck! Dr. Craig Zabel, a professor of Art History at Penn State and a renowned authority on religious architecture, will teach you all about the architecture of American churches from the colonial era to the present

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February 7, 2021
Location—YouTube

“Songs of Justice—Popular Music and the Civil Rights Movement”

Music has long been a tool for healing and for liberation. In a time where the need for global healing is so great, let’s join Karen Neff as she walks us through music’s role as liberator in the Civil Rights movement.

- 3) In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
- 4) Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Singers:

Adam Baldoni, Hayden Carpenter, Emily Margaret Ceres, Katrina Cole, Connie Curilla, Laura Essinger-Hileman, Diane Felmlee, Don Hartzell, Bill Lukens, Shelby Luther, Jack McKinley, Karen Neff, Cheryl Price, Lynne Verity, Michael West, Ann Wheeler, Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:21-28

Dean Lindsey

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ ²⁶And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

“Have You Come to Destroy Us?”

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Hymn No. 795

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1) You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

