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January 5, 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:** Scott Cole

**Liturgist:** Amy Sten

**Coffee Hour:** Meg and Clark  
Moose

### **Greeters:**

Parking Lot: John and Carol Graham  
Fraser Street: Scott and Mary Ann  
Sesler

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir

The sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Don Gross for what would have been his 95th birthday on January 3rd, from Meg & Clark Moose.



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**        "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"     arr. Carolyn Hamlin

**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: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

L: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**P: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

L: Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

No. 744

**\*Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Corporate Confession**

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.**

**Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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**

ERMUNTRE DICH  
Johann von Rist, tr. John Troutbeck

***Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
to herald our salvation.  
He stoops to earth, the God of might,  
our hope and expectation.  
He comes in human flesh to dwell,  
our God with us, Immanuel,  
the night of darkness ending,  
our fallen race befriending.***

## **Prayer for Inspiration**

Amy Sten

## **First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 60:1–6  
*Page 602 in the pew Bible*

## **Anthem**

“This Little Light of Mine”  
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

## **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**

Matthew 2:1–12  
*Page 783 in the pew Bible*

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

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Epiphany Lessons”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*Hymn**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

No. 156

### **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 Hymn** “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Niels W. Gade

**\*Doxology Hymn**

“What Child Is This”

No. 145

verse 3

***So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.***

***The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.***

***Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.***

***Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!***

**\*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 Coup  
Prayer following communion

**\*Hymn**                    “Who Would Think That What Was Needed”                    No. 138

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**                    Epiphany March on “Salzburg”                    arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

## **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 two-part series explores the difficult question of what we are called to do as Christians, with God’s help, in the face of broken relationships.

***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.

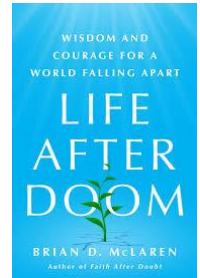
## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

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 lots of folks. 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.



## 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.



**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 5

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

## Mon 6

- PM 5:00 Worship Committee  
Meeting, Martin Rm  
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,  
Westminster Hall  
6:00 Stay and Play Advisory  
Team Meeting, Zoom  
7:00 Scouts Pack Meeting,  
Social Hall  
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,  
Zoom

## Tues 7

- 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 8

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

## Thurs 9

- PM 7:00 Adult Ed Committee  
Meeting, Zoom  
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,  
Martin Rm  
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice,  
Choir Rm

## Fri 10

- FISH Retreat until Sunday,  
January 12th**  
AM 11:30 GIFT Book Club, Fireside  
Rm

## Sun 12

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- 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