

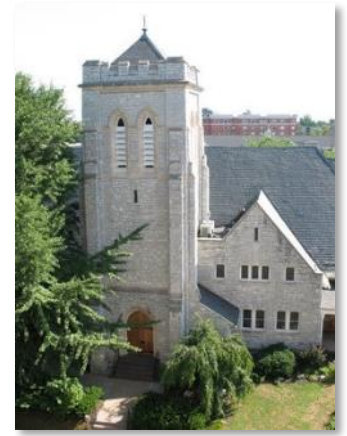


Welcome to Worship

July 23, 2023

10:00 am

Gathering Around the Word



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Reed Dressler

Introit

This Is the Day
Ned Wetherald, 2022

This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us re-joice, let us re-joice, let us re-joice and be glad in it!

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "This Is the Day" by Ned Wetherald. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us re-joice, let us re-joice, let us re-joice and be glad in it!"

*Call to Worship

Reed Dressler

Leader: God is there, before us, behind us, extending the hand of blessing.

People: How wonderful that we cannot escape God's presence.

Leader: If we go up to exalted and lofty places God is there.

People: If we fall to the deepest places of despair God won't lose track of us.

Leader: If we ride the wind to the most remote places,

People: Even there God is present guarding and guiding our steps

Leader: Let us celebrate God's steadfast and loving presence.

*Hymn No. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Call to Confession

John Porter

*Prayer of Confession

John Porter

God, you have revealed your love, grace, and beauty through creation. You have entrusted that glory to our care. Yet we have not attended to your love but listened to the deceptive voice of pride and shame. We have not lived according to your grace, but have honored the false hope of self-sufficiency and satisfaction through personal resolve. We have not protected the beauty of creation, but have exploited other people and the earth's resources. Forgive us for defacing your image which is revealed in the diverse community of humanity. Forgive us for disturbing the intricate and fertile balance of our world which glorifies your desire to give and sustain life that is good. Free us from pride and shame. Teach us to trust in your love. Lead us to protect and preserve everything that you have entrusted to our care. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

John Porter

*Passing of the Peace

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Rick Bryant

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-25

Rick Bryant

The Sacrament of Baptism of Campbell and Hunter Dankmyer

Presentation

Questions to Parents

Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Campbell and Hunter, by word and deed, with love and prayer?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

People: We will.

Thanksgiving over the Water

John Porter

Baptism

John Porter

Prayer and Welcome

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Baptism Response:

See what love God has given

That we should be called Children of God,

See what love God has given

That we should be called Children of God,

Children of God and so we are.

Presentation of Gifts

Anthem

“You Are My Light” by Joel Blunk and Zack Maser

Children’s Time

John Porter

Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2 “These Treasured Children”

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

John Porter

Sermon

“Surveying the Field: Caution & Assurance”

John Porter

Responding to the Word

***Hymn**

“10,000 Reasons”

***Affirmation of Faith—A Brief Statement of Faith Page 37 , Paragraphs 3 &5**

John Porter

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Announcements

Reed Dressler

Call to Offering

Reed Dressler

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology Hymn No. 609**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rick Bryant

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reed Dressler

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Reed Dressler

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 No. 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Charge & Benediction

John Porter and Reed Dressler

Postlude

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Juli Mortimore

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Scott Banfield, Katie Nurmi, and Katie Stone

Information Desk: Scott Sesler

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Clark and Meg Moose

Parking Lot: Rob and Wendy Huffard

Coffee Hour:

Hosts: Jerry and Marti Sawyer

Assistants: Ellen Freeman and Nikki Blake

Flowers for Sunday Service

For anyone wanting to supply flowers for 2023 Sunday worship services, we still have many openings for the rest of the year. The flower chart is posted in the hallway between the sanctuary and the church office. Or you may call or email the church office at 814-238-2422 or officescpc@gmail.com.

SUMMERTIME PATHWAYS

This Summer for children ages 4 - Grade 3, will be our Summer Time Pathways class held just after the children's message during worship. We love stories and crafts that go with the book, so that's the plan for each Sunday.

Classes will be held on the following dates:

August 6, 13, and 20

Today WORSHIP BAGS are available in the sanctuary—and the bags are filled with books/stickers/toys and crayons. Each Sunday they should be put back on the rack for someone to use the following Sunday!



Juniper Village Block Party

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

Sunday August 6, 1:30-4 and first Sundays of every even month.

Signups open now!

Chrysalis Pool Party!

To help celebrate the last weeks of summer, Chrysalis is hosting a pool party at Greg's house on Tuesday 8/1 from 6:30 to 8pm. Anyone who is going into 6th through 8th grade is invited to join us for this summer Chrysalis pool party, as well as last year's 8th graders. For more information (like Greg's address), look out for an email from Laura EH - you can also contact Laura EH at scpcchrysalis@gmail.com or (937)597-5344.

2023 Budget Updates thru 7/19/2023:	
Giving:	Expenses:
Budgeted Giving: \$775,000	Spending to Date: \$545,156
Target Giving: \$875,000	
Received to Date: \$504,587	
Actual % to Target: 57.7%	
Difference to Targeted (24 weeks): 1.9%	
Note: What is reported is only “giving” income and does not reflect total income	

Sunday, July 23rd

Hekima Trip

YoPro Lake Day and Camping Trip

- 9:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall

Monday, July 24th

Hekima Trip

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, July 25th

Hekima Trip

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Advisory Committee—Zoom

Wednesday, July 26th

Hekima Trip

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom & Fireside Rm
- 4:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee—Rm 10

Thursday, July 27th

Hekima Trip

- 6:00 pm CAYAM Free Ice Cream
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

Friday, July 28th

Hekima Trip

Saturday, July 29th

Hekima Trip

Sunday, July 30th

Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 11:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm Watch Party—Fireside Rm

Hearing Assist Devices are available on the back table in the Sanctuary



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Get Social with it!! The coffee hour team would love you join in on serving Sunday mornings. We're a fun, social group serving in this important church ministry. **ON THE JOB TRAINING PROVIDED!** It's fun and easy. Just sign-up in a volunteer slot, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a5af29aa8-summer3#/>. If you have any questions, please email Jamey Perry, jrp5@psu.edu, or Jerry Sawyer as jvs3@psu.edu.



Food Bank Needs

For those of you excited about helping the State College Food Bank, here are three of their needs:

- Tea Bags
- Snack Items
- Liquid Hand Soap

For your convenience, items can be dropped here at SCPC at the parking lot, or rear of the sanctuary entrance.

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at scpresby.org

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings 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.

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