

## Request for Nominations

This request comes from the SCPC Nominating Committee. We are charged with preparing a slate of candidates to serve as Elders, Deacons, Visiting Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee. A list of candidates will be presented to the congregation in November for election. Members of the Nominating Committee welcome your suggestions as we prepare our list of candidates. Please identify individuals you believe would make a valuable contribution to any of the Boards or Committees. Self-nominations are welcome. Send nominations to Scott Kretchmar, Chair, Nominating Committee at [rsk1@psu.edu](mailto:rsk1@psu.edu). Please provide names of nominees, the office for which they are being recommended and, if you wish, any comments in support of the nominee.

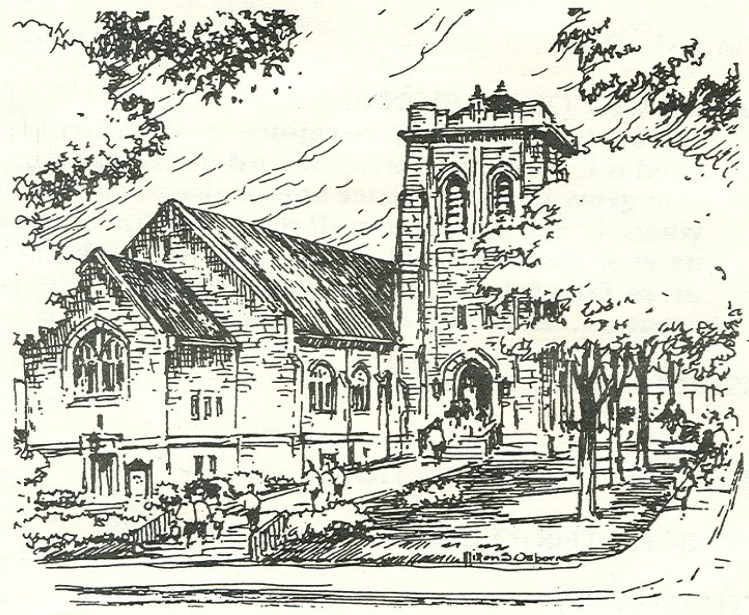
### Job Descriptions:

**Elders** working together as a Session form the ruling body of a Presbyterian church. They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

The ministry of **Deacons** is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, or anyone in distress.

**Please reach out if there is anything we can do for you. We are checking voicemail (814-238-2422) and emails ([officescpc@gmail.com](mailto:officescpc@gmail.com)) daily. If you have access to a computer, please check the website ([www.scpresby.org](http://www.scpresby.org)) and our Facebook page for spiritual offerings and for church information.**

**Let us all be in prayer for our church, our community, and our world, seeking out God's healing and strength as we move through these days, and please keep in touch with the church and with your neighbors!**



## The State College Presbyterian Church

### Church Staff

Pastor: Dean Lindsey  
Associate Pastor for Youth & Mission: Michael Ozaki  
Director of Education & Program: Deannine Shipman  
Director of Music Ministry: Ned Wetherald  
Associate in College Age & Young Adult Ministries: Allison Maus  
Membership & Program Associate: Martha Trout  
Financial Administrator: Michelle Fortin  
Assistant Financial Administrator: Anne Thomas  
Chrysalis (Middle School) Coordinator: Diana Malcom  
Church Secretary: Janet Heasley  
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon  
Stay & Play Preschool Director: Laura Steager  
Childcare Coordinator: Emma Sutterlin  
Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry  
Evening Custodian: Colett Spicher

July 26, 2020

**JULY 26, 2020**  
**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PRELUDE "Aria" by Craig Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Woodruff Family

HYMN No. 177 "I Will Come to You"

1) I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.

2) I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

*Refrain:* Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

3) I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

*Refrain*

4) I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

*Refrain*

CHILDREN'S TIME Kimberly Dawn Falk

ANTHEM "I Can't Breathe!" Ned Wetherald

*Refrain:*

Breathe on me your Holy Spirit, God, and fill me with a Spirit life.

Stand with me through times of trial, God, uncertain times are all around me.

A life that seeks justice, a life that shares love.

A life that treats everyone as a Child of God.

not so young in years. In previous years the group met one Friday evening a month from September to June. During this time of COVID crisis, it is unwise for us to gather indoors to share food and possibly virus. As of now we don't know when it might be safe to make plans; for that reason, Young at Heart will be suspended at least for the fall and maybe for the whole year. If the pandemic situation dramatically improves so we feel we can safely meet for a meal, program and fellowship we will make an announcement. Please take care of yourselves and we hope to gather as soon as it's safe to do so.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Are you a person who is homebound and having difficulty preparing meals during the COVID crisis? Or do you have a parent or friend who could use assistance? State College Area Meals on Wheels is ready to help. Please call us at 814-237-8135 or visit [www.scmow.org](http://www.scmow.org) to find out more.

### **Weekly Prayer Meeting—Via Zoom—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.

### **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.

### **Wednesday in the Word—Via Zoom—Wednesdays at 12:30**

Wednesday in the Word will continue the Kay Arthur study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times". 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 1:00-2:00 pm for the study. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, July 26

9:00 am Worship Service—  
Tower Lawn

Adult Ed—YouTube

### Monday, July 27

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—  
Zoom

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—  
Zoom

### Tuesday, July 28

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Zoom

12:00 pm Spiritual Life Prayer  
Meeting—Zoom

### Wednesday, July 29

12:30 pm Wednesday in the  
Word—Zoom

### Thursday, July 30

### Friday, July 31

### Saturday, August 1

### Outdoor Worship Services

We are holding a weekly Sunday worship service at 9:00 am, outside the Tower Entrance to the church on the corner of Fraser and Beaver (weather permitting). As always, our focus will be on the goodness of God whom we seek to praise as we gather. We will continue to offer remote worship via YouTube, and the outdoor service will include similar elements to the pre-recorded service. Bring a lawn chair, social distance, and wear your mask.

### Adult Ed—Sunday July 26—Via YouTube

#### **“Organ Console”**

In our recorded worship services you have been able to see more of the organ console than most people ever get to see. Director of Music Ministry, Ned Wetherald will share what some of the 183 keys, 32 pedals, pull stops, toe stops, tabs and buttons do to pull together the abundant resources of our hybrid organ.

### Young at Heart This Fall

Young at Heart is a potluck supper and program fellowship group for those SCPC folk who are “young at heart” although

### **Verse (from Psalm 133)**

Behold how good and pleasant it is when sisters/  
brothers live together in unity.

### **Verse (from Jeremiah 22:3)**

Act with justice and righteousness. Do what is right.  
Do no wrong, do no violence to the alien, orphan,  
widow, or the innocent.

Singers: Hayden Carpenter, Emily-Margaret Ceres,  
Katrina Cole, Connie Curilla, Laura Essinger-Hileman,  
Don Hartzell, Bill Lukens, Shelby Luther, Jack McKinley,  
Karen Neff, Lynne Verity, Michael West, Ann Wheeler,  
Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:1-21

Dean Lindsey

14At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and he said to his servants, ‘This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.’ <sup>3</sup>For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been telling him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her.’ <sup>5</sup>Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod <sup>7</sup>so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Prompted by her mother, she said, ‘Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.’ <sup>9</sup>The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; <sup>10</sup>he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup>The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup>His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

### Feeding the Five Thousand

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and

he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' <sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON "Two Very Different Meals" Dean Lindsey

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Allison Maus

From "The Belhar Confession," 1986, from the Dutch Reformed Mission Church of South Africa and adopted into the Presbyterian (PCUSA) Book of Confessions in 2018.

**We believe** that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

**We believe** that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

**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.

**We believe** that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do these things, even when the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment be the consequence, for Jesus is Lord.

CALL TO OFFERING

Michael Ozaki

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION PRAYER

Allison Maus

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

POURING OF THE CUP

During communion please sing Hymn No. 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

- 1) Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2) Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

*Refrain*

- 3) Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.

*Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Director of Music Ned Wetherald

"Improvisation on 'Let Us Break Bread'"