



Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025
9:30 am

Serving this Morning:

Ushers:

Head Usher: Marti Sawyer

Ushers: Chip Clark, Jeanne Clark, Gail Miller, and Liane Roe

Information Desk: Ken Manno

Liturgist: Scott Sesler

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry and Nikki Blake

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Greg and Linda Giles
Fraser Street: Jamey Perry

Musicians: Chancel Choir



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

“Pastorale in F major”

J.S. Bach
BWV 590

Welcome and Announcements

Deannine Shipman

***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: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

P: He will feed his flock like a shepherd,

L: he will gather the lambs in his arms,

**P: he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those
that are with young.**

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Blessing and Honor”

No. 369

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

Lord, our God, we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went to the cross for us. We have failed to follow where he leads us. We have failed to step out in faith and act in compassion. Forgive us and grant us to hear anew our Shepherd’s voice and to follow wherever He leads, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Response to Confession**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. liturgical
Music: Orthodox liturgy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel:

P: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Inspiration

Scott Sesler

First Scripture Reading

John 10:1–11
Page 872 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dorothy Thrupp/Tom Fettke

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. 697

***Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Charles Curley
2 Samuel 5:1–4, 12
Page 243 in the pew Bible

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Shepherd of the People

Rev. Charles Curley

*Hymn

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

No. 803

*Affirmation of Faith

A New Creed (1968), United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

“Pastorale in F major”

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*Doxology Hymn

*Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

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MUSIC (AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D): Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

*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

Response to Prayer

“Sing Hallelujah”

Linda Stassen

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord. The third staff continues with the lyrics: Sing hal - le - lu - jah. Sing hal - le - lu - jah. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 39

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Pastorale in F major”

J.S. Bach
BWV 590

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. **Oasis will not be meeting today, March 16th!**

Adult Education – Meets in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Coffee and other goodies will be served from Coffee Hour in this class.

Today, Scott Kretchmar will put on his philosopher hat and lead a discussion about the limits of science and ways that the church and faith can help provide deeper meaning and direction in life.

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.

Easter Flowers—Orders Due TODAY

Orders for spring flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning are being taken until next Sunday. Each plant costs \$9.50, and the order forms are on the back tables in the Sanctuary and on our website. You may take your plant with you following the service on Easter morning.

Deacons Bingo Event – Next Sunday

The SCPC Deacons are hosting the second annual social Bingo event for all ages next Sunday, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Social Hall. The free fellowship event will feature snacks and drinks, along with games of Bingo for small prizes. Come to have fun and invite a friend.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Henzsey Lecture Series Presents



Brian McLaren

**“Life After Doom: A Guide to a
Better Church, a Better World”**

Childcare is provided from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for
Children up through Kindergarten.



**Sign up
Now!**



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More Information At
www.scpresby.org

Volunteers Needed for Henszey Lecture

Brian McLaren is coming the first weekend in April for what should be a topical and inspiring series of talks. The Spiritual Life Unit of the Session is coordinating this visit using funds from the Henszey family's generous gift. We could use some help with setup, registration, and food service. We are planning coffee and pastries/bagels for registration and a catered lunch on Saturday, 4/5/25. We could use assistance with setup, beverages, and cleanup. If you would like to help, please contact Rob Huffard, Roger Garthwaite, or Laura Green. Thanks.

Children's Collection During Lent

Lent is a perfect time for us to think about how we can help others! The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering helps people around the world who have suffered from things like wars, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires. The money is collected and sent through the church to help where it is needed most.



At the present time, 9 different Christian denominations all participate in this offering (Presbyterians, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, and others)

For our children's OGHS collection, we have cardboard fish banks available for each child to take home. We hope you will place this bank on the dining room table or wherever it is seen the most! It will hold coins and paper money! Collect money to share all during Lent. We will collect the banks around Easter and will make sure everyone knows where to bring your bank.

There will be a children's message today for the first distribution of banks. Then, they will be available in the church office or in Pathways classrooms. Questions? Ask Deannine, our Director of Education and Program

Replenishing the Bucket Warehouse

Emergency Cleanup Buckets that SCPC has packed in previous years were among those that supported CWS and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the immediate cleanup after drastic flooding in Appalachian Mountain communities last spring.

The bucket warehouse is severely depleted.

During Lent we will again collect items to pack Emergency Cleanup Buckets to replenish CWS's Eastern warehouse in Maryland, but beware – several items have been removed from the list. Use the QR code or link to [tinyURL.com/buckets2025](https://tinyurl.com/buckets2025). With Lent and Easter later this year, the truck pickup won't be until the end of May. We will bless the effort together in worship after Easter, and (with FISH's preparatory help!), have a whole-church packing event after services in May. Use the Signup Genius list to purchase items to contribute now. Analog packing lists can be found on the Mission bulletin board, near the Welcome Desk and the church office.



Juniper Village Block Party

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

April 6, 2:45–4:00
and first Sundays of every other month.

Sign up [tinyURL.com/Juniper2025](https://tinyurl.com/Juniper2025)



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
Interim 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
Interim Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at 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 16

Second Sunday of Lent

- 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 – **There
will be no Oasis**

Mon 17

- PM 6:00 Scout Den Meetings, Rm 10 &
11
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
6:00 Stay and Play Advisory Team
Meeting, Zoom
6:30 SJMT, Zoom
7:00 CAYAM, Rm 13
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,
Zoom

Tues 18

- AM 8:00 Building and Property
Committee Meeting, Rm 10
9:00 SMART Work Day
10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer, Zoom
4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS Geckos
5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:00 Funeral Committee Meeting,
Martin Rm
7:30 Handbell Choir

Wed 19

- AM Stay and Play School Pictures,
Social Hall
PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
7:00 Generosity Committee
Meeting, Martin Rm

Thurs 20

- AM Stay and Play School Pictures,
Social Hall
PM 5:30 FISH, Fireside Rm
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

Fri 21

- PM 6:00 New Friend's Dinner "Fun in
the Sun", Social Hall

Sun 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Recognizing New Members

- 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 Session Meeting, Martin Rm
PM 1:00 Youth Advisory Committee,
Zoom
6:00 Deacons Bingo, Social Hall