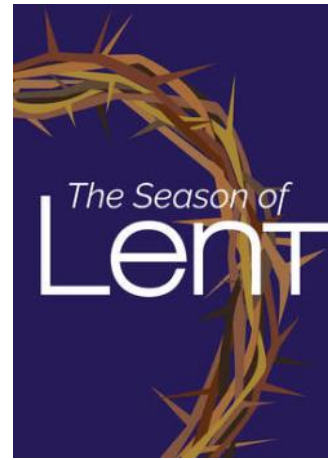




Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

9:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Be Merciful to Me, O God”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Words

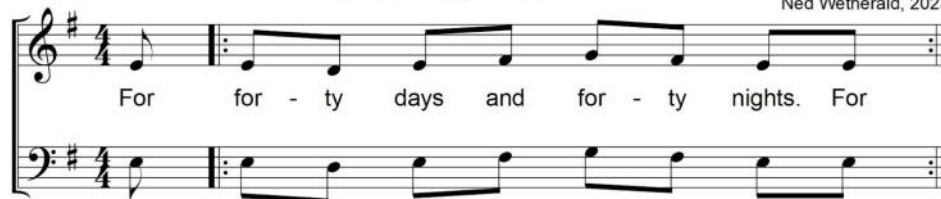
John Porter

Introit

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Keep repeating, like a chant

Ned Wetherald, 2023



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***Call to Worship**

Reed Dressler

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

People: God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

Leader: God's judgements are like the great deep;

People: God saves humans and animals alike.

Leader: How precious is God's steadfast love!

People: All may take refuge under the wings of God's faithfulness.

Leader: They may feast on the abundance of God.,

People: They will drink from the river of God's joy.

***Hymn No. 81**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***Call to Confession**

Allison Maus

***Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, you are a fountain of hope, yet we have hardened our hearts. We want to live as transformed people, but our stubborn pride keeps us dehydrated, causing harm to self, neighbor, and creation. Forgive and humble us, that your living water might sustain us and flow freely from us with compassion, leading us into your kingdom of grace and hope. Amen.

***Hymn No. 575**

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Beth Farmer

First Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	Beth Farmer
Anthem	“Living Water, Guiding Spirit” The Chancel Choir	Joseph M. Martin
Time for Children See “Children in Worship”		Deannine Shipman
Song After Children’s Time	“As Each New Horizon Beckons” [HOLY MANNA]	
Second Scripture Reading	John 4:5-26	John Porter
Sermon	“Drawing Life from the Deep Water”	John Porter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 479	“Ho, All Who Thirst”	
*Affirmation of Faith—Apostle’s Creed		John Porter

I Believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead; on the third day He rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements		Reed Dressler
Call to Offering		Reed Dressler
Offertory Anthem	“Andante”	Ernest Bloch
*Doxology Hymn No. 609	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*Prayer of Dedication		Beth Farmer
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Allison Maus
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		Allison Maus

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. 53	“O God, Who Gives Us Life”	
*Charge & Benediction		John Porter/Allison Maus
Postlude	“Improvisation”	

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Kimberly–Dawn Falk

Ushers: Curt Dell, Margaret Van Fossan, Reed Miller and Katie Nurmi

Information Desk: Meg Moose

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Jane Butler

Parking Lot: Joe Kockelmans and Smith Lyday

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jamey Perry

Assistants: Sharon Manno and Jane Butler

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are in given in memory of Judy Lysaker by her family.

Adult Offerings Today

March 12: "Reflections on My Work as a Missionary in Haiti" in Westminster Hall, led by Connie Curilla

What does it mean to be called to a life of service? Join Connie Curilla as she shares about her lifelong work as a missionary in Haiti, including what led her to this line of work, what was accomplished, what work remains, and some surprises along the way.

"Connect" Room 10

This ongoing weekly small group discussion led by Bizz and Zack Maser, and Jamie Bauman

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—TODAY

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service today at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout (marthascpc@gmail.com).

A New Place for Peace in Worship

Starting today, the invitation to share peace with one another will move from the closing of worship to take a more prominent position just following the confession and assurance of pardon. This is one way to highlight the importance of intentionally building fellowship with one another as an act of worship. Participants will be encouraged to extend a greeting and word of peace with others in a way that is comfortable for them and which respects the concerns of others.



Bucket collection is open now; The bucket packing event will be Sunday, April 23 after Exploration Hour



Congregational Meeting—Next Sunday

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on March 19th to receive the Pastor Visioning Team report and elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to conduct the active search for our next Senior Pastor. See our website, scpresby.org, or paper copies will be available in the sanctuary

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for election to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). They are:

Jamie Bauman, Bob Igo, Rob Leicht, Laura Millard, Jerry Sawyer, Katie Stone, and Steve Van Hook



Sunday, March 12th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 11:30 am Young Adult Lunch—Social Hall
- 1:30 pm Youth Advisory Team Committee Meeting—Zoom

Monday, March 13th

- 11:00 am Lenten Study—Room 10
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study— Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, March 14th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 4:00 pm Membership Ministry Unit—Martin Room
- 5:00 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:00 pm Personnel Ministry Unit—Martin Room
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, March 15th

- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, March 16th

- 12:30 pm Stay and Play Staff Meeting—Social Hall
- 6:00 pm PSF—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting —Martin Room

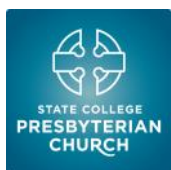
Friday, March 17th

PresbyPost Deadline

Saturday, March 18th

Sunday, March 19th

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- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Congregational Meeting
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Connect
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:30 am Session Meeting—Martin Room



Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K) meets in Westminster Hall.

Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3) meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary) meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!



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.

