



Legacy Sunday  
March 2, 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: Melanie Wassom

Ushers: Gail Miller, Melissa Pike, Liane Roe, and Marti Sawyer

**Information Desk:** Chuck Curley

**Coffee Hour:** Jamey Perry and Reed Miller

### **Greeters:**

Parking Lot: Jamey Perry

Fraser Street: Nikki Blake

**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** “Herr Jesu Christ, wahr Mensch und Gott” J.S. Bach  
(Lord Jesus Christ, true man and God)

**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

(from *A Wee Worship Book*, Fourth Incarnation, Morning Liturgy A. 1999.)

L: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

**P: God is.**

L: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

**P: God will be.**

L: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**P: God was, God is, God will be.**

**\*Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 307

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Corporate Confession and Assurance of Pardon** (By Joanna Harader)

L: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

**P: To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

L: Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

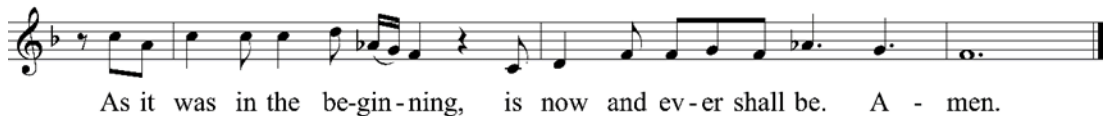
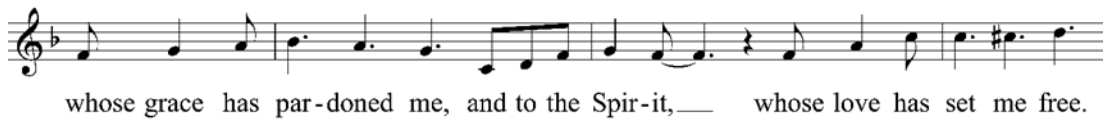
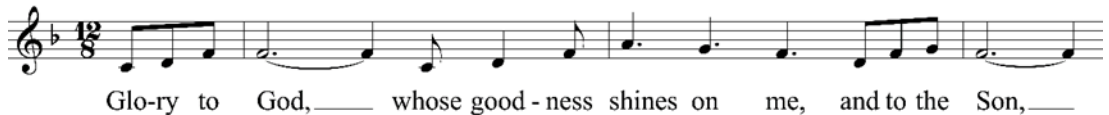
**P: Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.**

L: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

**P: But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response to Assurance**

Paul Vasile



**Prayer for Inspiration**

**First Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31–34  
*Page 642 in the pew Bible*

**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 John 1:1-5

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley  
Page 862 in the pew Bible

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

God's Legacy of Love

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

## \*Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

No. 462, v. 2-3

## 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

"I Give to You a New Commandment"  
Chancel Choir

Peter Nardone

## \*Doxology Hymn

No. 608

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

## \*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 Cup

*Please note: The cups in the inner rings of the trays (closest to the bread) contain wine. The cups in the outer ring contain grape juice.*

Prayer following communion

**\*Hymn**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

No. 708

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Tuba Tune”

C.S. Lang

## **Meet Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley**

The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship, and endowment committees.

“Building on relationships and resourcing churches to help them increase funding for their ministry are my top priorities,” said Ellie. “I want to help others realize the vast amount of resources available through the Foundation and work in collaboration with other agencies of the PC(USA).”

Prior to joining the Foundation in 2013, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. Previously, she served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ellie serves as co-moderator of the Administrative Committee and President of the corporation. Over the last twenty-four years, Ellie has served the larger church in a number of capacities including the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, Regional Resource Person for the Theological Education Fund in the Synod of the Trinity, synod commissioner and the synod’s Campus Ministry Task Force.

Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two young daughters.

## **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.

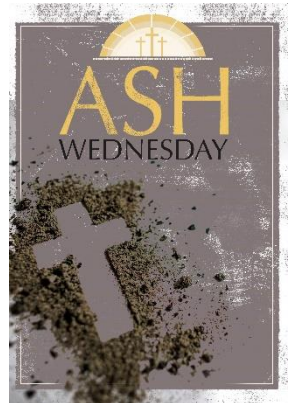
**Adult Education** – Meets in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Coffee and other goodies will be served from Coffee Hour in this class.

Today our class is led by Ellie Johns-Kelley on “Leaving a Legacy” During the Exploration Hour she will share information with us about how important and easy it is for all of us to support SCPC through our long-range giving plans like estate planning and other means. This is something we all should be thinking about. Please plan to join us!

**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.

## Ash Wednesday Service – March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Once again, our FISH (Fellowship In Senior High) youth will lead our Ash Wednesday service on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The service will provide a time of reflection filled with poetry and music. Together, we will explore our cosmic significance and connection with all of God's creation. The imposition of ashes will be offered to all who attend.





## Change in Communion Today

Today when we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together worshippers should take note that there will be a change in the trays. We will offer wine as an option in the communion trays. The cups filled with wine will be in the inner circle of the trays (closest to the pieces of bread) and the cups in the outer circle will contain grape juice. Please note this change and be sure to choose the cup you prefer when served during worship.



## Easter Flowers—Orders Due by March 16th

Orders are being taken until Sunday, March 16th, for spring flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. 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

The SCPC Deacons are hosting the second annual social Bingo event for all ages on Sunday, March 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Westminster 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!



## Broken Pews

Those who have been in the sanctuary lately may have noticed a couple of our pews have been roped off. These pews have significant cracks in the wood and will need to be repaired before we can safely allow folks to sit on them. We appreciate your patience as we work to get these repairs done—especially if one of “your” pews is affected 😊!

## Wandering Women Organizational Meeting

It's time to plan our walks for 2025! On March 9th at 11:30 am in the Martin Room, we will gather to choose dates and leaders for our time together this year. Typically, we walk monthly from April through October. All women in the church are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Kim Phillips (kgphillips@comcast.net) or Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com).



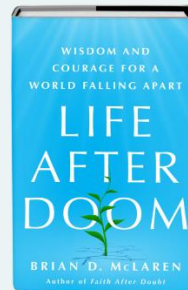
## The Henszey Lecture Presents Brian McLaren

April 5-6, 2025

"We need not a new set of beliefs,  
but a new way of believing,  
not simply new answers  
to the same old questions,  
but a new set of questions."



Register Now!



## **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](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 2

### Legacy Sunday

### 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 3

- PM 6:00 Scout Den Meeting, Rm 10 &  
11  
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,  
Westminster Hall  
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,  
Zoom

## Tues 4

- 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  
6:00 Stay and Play Staff Meeting,  
Zoom  
7:00 Nominating Committee,  
Martin Rm  
7:15 Personnel Committee  
Meeting, Rm 10  
7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

## Wed 5

### Ash Wednesday

- AM 11:00 Membership Committee  
Meeting, Martin Rm  
PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,  
Zoom/Fireside Rm  
6:00 FISH  
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service,  
Sanctuary

## Thurs 6

- PM 5:00 Worship Committee Meeting,  
Martin Rm  
5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm  
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,  
Martin Rm  
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice, Choir  
Rm

## Fri 7

### Stay and Play Closed

## Sun 9

### First 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  
11:30 Wandering Women Planning  
Meeting, Martin Rm  
PM 2:00 YoPro Games, Fireside Rm