



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

9:00 am



### Gathering Around the Word

#### Prelude

“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein”  
(When We are in Utmost Need)

J.S. Bach  
BWV 641

#### Invitation to Attentiveness

John Porter

#### Introit

“Kyrie Eleison”

Ray Makeever

The words “Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison” translate to “Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.”

This simple prayer has been spoken and sung in worship services around the world for thousands of years. In this setting, the congregation echoes the leader after each phrase is sung.

<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	<i>Kyrie</i>	<i>Kyrie, Christe eleison</i>
<i>Christe eleison</i>	<i>Christe</i>	<i>Kyrie, Christe eleison</i>
	<i>Kyrie</i>	<i>Kyrie, Christe eleison</i>
	<i>Christe</i>	

#### Moment of Mindful Reflection

##### \*Call to Worship

John Porter

Leader: God’s Word is better than a diamond,

**People: better than a diamond set between emeralds.**

Leader: better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

**People: God’s Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.**

Leader: Otherwise how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool?

**People: Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh!**

Leader: These are the words in our mouths;

**People: accept them as an act of praise and worship.**

##### \*Hymn No. 690

“God’s Glory Fills the Heavens”

##### \*Call to Confession

John Porter

##### \*Prayer of Confession

John Porter

God, you call to us, “Beloved, come to me.” You persistently pursue us and patiently wait for us to respond. Rather than turning to you, we pursue dreams of self-fulfillment. We yearn for freedom. Yet we chain ourselves to expectations of material success and social validation. We eagerly await release and rest from our labor. But in spite of our desire we shun the shelter of your love and mercy. We long for significance. Yet we resist vulnerability and isolate ourselves from those we might serve. Forgive our short-sighted pursuit of self-sufficiency and indulgence. Open our eyes to the powers that we unknowingly serve. And restore our courage and resolve to love as Christ taught us. For it is through Christ that we have new life and it is in the name of Christ that we pray. Amen.

##### \*Assurance of Pardon

John Porter

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Hearing the Word**

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Jane Butler

**First Scripture Reading**

Exodus 20:1-17

Jane Butler

**Anthem**

“God So Loved the World”  
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

**Children’s Time**

Heike Burghart Rice

**Song after Children’s Time**

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”  
*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
Things i would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

[STORIES OF JESUS]  
William H. Parker

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John Porter

**Sermon**

John Porter

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn No. 14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” v. 1,3,4,5

**Announcements**

John Porter

**Call to Offering**

John Porter

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

**Offertory Anthem**

“Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele”  
(Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness)

Johannes Brahms  
Op. 122, No.5

**\*Doxology**

“Lenten Doxology”  
*Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s love in Christ into our hearts.  
Amen.*

[OLD 100TH]  
Words by G. W. Dub Shepherd

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Jane Butler

**Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Instructions

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pouring of Cup

Communion Hymn No. 523

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Prayer following communion

**\*Hymn No. 544**

“Bless the Lord”

**\*Charge & Benediction**

John Porter

**Postlude**

“O Love, How Deep”

Kristina Langlois

### Ushers this Morning:

**Head Usher:** Scott Banfield

**Ushers:** Katie Nurmi, Melissa Pike, Liane Roe and Jillian Rounsville

**Information Desk:** Jamey Perry

### Greeters this Morning:

**Fraser Street:** Jane Butler

**Parking Lot:** Greg and Linda Giles

### Coffee Hour:

**Host:** Jamey Perry

**Assistants:** Terri Thompson

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of her daughter, Emily Thomas Glaser, by her mother, Becky Thomas.

## Lenten Retreat—Awaiting Renewal

March 17th 3-6 pm at RE Farm Café at Windswept Farm

**Children Welcome- Childcare available**

Visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org) on the homepage to register

## Sunday Membership

### Opportunity—Next Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service on March 10th 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 at ([marthascpc@gmail.com](mailto:marthascpc@gmail.com)).

## Family Fellowship Lunch— Next Sunday

Join us for a family style lunch next Sunday from 11:15-12:15pm in the Social Hall. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join. The goal of these lunches is to create opportunities for families at all stages of life to gather, connect, and share a meal together. Pizza and beverages will be provided. A jar will be available if you'd like make a donation to help cover costs. (Feel free to contact us or bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions). RSVP by the Thursday before by texting Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).



## Adult Education Today

Join Paul Mortimore in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am this morning for a discussion on "Peace". In a world where wars seem to never end, how do we find peace? Both for ourselves and others? Join Paul Mortimore in Bible study and reflection on the meaning and living of peace in the world today.

"Connect" will also be meeting in Rm 10 at 10:15 am.

"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.



## Wandering Women

### Organizational Meeting

All women of the church are invited to participate in the planning of the Wandering Women walks for 2024. The group will meet in the Fireside Room on March 10th at 11:15 am. Walks are held monthly from April through October, led by one or two group members who choose the hike and lead a short devotion. Join us for fun, fellowship, and some exercise!

## Food Bank Needs

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

- Canned Fruit
- Ready to Serve Soup
- Gluten Free Items

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

### Sunday, March 3rd

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm

### Monday, March 4th

#### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 5:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting—Martin Rm
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

### Tuesday, March 5th

#### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Personnel Ministry Committee—Martin Rm

### Wednesday, March 6th

#### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse

### Thursday, March 7th

#### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

### Friday, March 8th

#### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Rm

### Saturday, March 9th

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- 9:30 am Children, Worship & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:15 am Family Fellowship Lunch—Social Hall
- 11:15 am Wandering Women Meeting—Fireside Rm

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 102 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** which meets in Room 11 on the lower level.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of worship.

### **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Age 3 to grade 5)** - From 10:00 am to 11:00 am, in room 210 on the upper level. This multi-age class is made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. A pre-packaged snack will be served.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** - From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, 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.

**YoPro Bible Study**—From 10:15 am to 11:15 am, in the Tower Room above the Sanctuary. We're a group of grad students and early career folks that are exploring the what's next season of life. We do some formal programming, but mostly we're a group of friends laughing, learning, and figuring out faith together.

**Adult Education**—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Adult Ed is a rotation of different offerings from our community.

**Connect**—From 10:15 am to 11:00 am, 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.

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://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.**

