

First Sunday of Lent  
March 9, 2025  
9:30 am

## **Serving this Morning:**

### **Ushers:**

Head Usher: Marti Sawyer

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

**Information Desk:** Anne Layng

**Liturgist:** Margaret Van Fossan

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

### **Greeters:**

Parking Lot: Cameron and Caryn Macky

Fraser Street: Benton Bickerton

**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**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

James Biery

## **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**

Deannine Shipman

L: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**P: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

L: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**P: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.  
God’s Word is on our lips.**

L: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.

**P: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,  
but also through the wilderness.**

L: Let us worship God!

## **\*Hymn**

“Made Me Glad”

Miriam Webster

### **Verse 1**

*I will bless the Lord forever*

*I will trust God at all times*

*God has delivered me from all fear*

*God has set my feet upon a rock*

*And I will not be moved*

*And I’ll say of the Lord*

### **Refrain**

*You are my shield my strength*

*My portion Deliverer*

*My shelter strong tower*

*My very present help*

*In time of need*

## Verse 2

*Whom have I in heaven but You  
There's none I desire besides You  
And You have made me glad  
I'll say of the Lord*

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### \*Call to Confession

Reed Dressler

### \*Silent Confession

### \*Corporate Confession

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### \*Response to Confession

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Text: Trad. liturgical  
Music: Orthodox liturgy

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
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Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - i - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - - - i - son.  
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## **\*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**

Margaret Van Fossan

## **First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16  
*Page 477 in the pew Bible*

## **Anthem**

“A Lenten Prayer”  
Chancel Choir

Hal H. Hopson

## **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.

## **Baptism** (refer to the baptism insert)

## **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**

Luke 4:1–13  
*Page 835 in the pew Bible*

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Temptations

Rev. Scott Hoffman

## **\*Hymn**

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

No. 165

## **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**      “On Eagle's Wings” with “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Carol Tornquist

**\*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

Musical score for "Sing Hallelujah" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord." (first line), "Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord." (second line), "Sing hal - le - lu - jah. Sing hal - le - lu - jah." (third line), and "Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord." (fourth line). The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

**\*Hymn**

**“May the Love of the Lord”**

No. 549

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

Robert A. Hobby

## **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, we will start a three-week series on "The Relevance of the Church in Modern Life". Today, Pastor Scott Hoffman will provide an overview and lead a discussion on the ways the church is changing. How is membership and participation shifting? Which denominations are most impacted? Where does SCPC fit in all of this?

***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 by March 16th

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

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.



## Packets Available from Legacy Sunday

Last Sunday, we welcomed Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly as part of Legacy Sunday. Rev. Johns-Kelly is the Ministry Relations Officer for the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region for the Presbyterian Foundation and is based in Pittsburgh. She shared 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. **There are packets available from this Adult Education offering on the small table by the church office.**

## **Wandering Women Organizational Meeting - TODAY**

It's time to plan our walks for 2025! At 11:30 am today 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).



## **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 next Sunday 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

## 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)



## 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.



## Palm Sunday Breakfast

Once again, the Deacons will be hosting their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, April 13th. Come to enjoy the free breakfast after the service from 10:30 - noon. The menu will feature the usual Palm Sunday favorites of French Toast with Apple Cider Syrup, Sausages, Fresh Fruits and Cinnamon Coffee Cake. The turnout was so great last year that we are adding an additional dining room and buffet line, so there will be plenty of seating for all - Join us for breakfast and feel free to invite a friend to join the delicious tradition.

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!



**Visit LOGOS Night for Kindergartners! Tuesday, March 18 ~  
4:15—7:00 pm**

As LOGOS nears the end of this program year, we would like to invite children who will be in FIRST GRADE next year to come and visit! Your child will be eligible to fully participate in everything this one night to get a glimpse at our program. Then, come September, they can join for the whole year.

Questions? Contact Deannine Shipman (814-238-2422) or our LOGOS Director, Janet Schaufler (814-883-5692).

## Bulletin Recycling

Thanks to our Deacons, baskets have been placed by the entrances to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for worshippers to deposit their bulletins so that they may be added to the recycling collection. If you do not plan to take your bulletin with you, we encourage you to discard it into one of these baskets as you leave.

### **Life After Loss Offered at St. Paul's United Methodist Church**

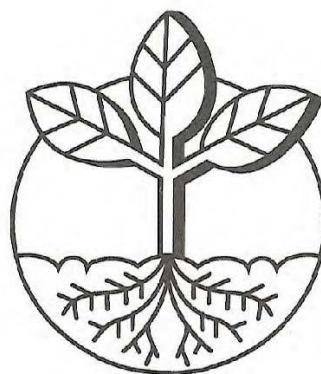
Begins March 23 ~ RSVP by March 17

St. Paul's United Methodist Church & Wesley Foundation is offering Life After Loss (LAL), an educational support group designed for persons grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

Leaders will include Renae Schunk, Director of Care Ministries, Pastor Greg Milinovich, and several qualified LAL Team members, all of whom have experienced loss of loved ones.

The six-week LAL group is being held on Sundays, beginning on March 23rd, at St. Paul's. The participants will meet from 12:00 to 2:30 pm in the Asbury Room/Library on the third floor of the church building (enter via Calder Way – elevator available). Free parking is available. Each session will begin with a light lunch (materials and lunch provided at no cost).

All who are 18 years and older and at least 3 months removed from the death of a loved one are welcome. Please RSVP by March 17th. For questions or to register for LAL, contact [Renae Schunk](#) at (814) 237-2163 ext. 152.



## **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  
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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 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 2025 Wandering Women  
Planning Meeting, Martin  
Rm  
PM 2:00 YoPro Games, Fireside Rm

**Mon 10****Stay and Play is Closed until  
March 17<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break**

PM 4:00 Finance Committee  
Meeting, Zoom  
7:00 Men's Bible Study,  
Fireside Rm  
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer,  
Zoom

**Tues 11**

AM 10:00 Staff Meeting  
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer,  
Zoom

**Wed 12**

PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,  
Zoom/Fireside Rm  
8:00 Women's Fellowship,  
Federal Taphouse

**Fri 14**

AM 11:30 am GIFT Book Club,  
Fireside Rm

**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**

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