

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER



Welcome to Worship

May 11, 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: Bruce Grinder
Ushers: Sharon Ambrose,
Miguel Cruden, and Natalie Hernandez

Information Desk: Bizz Maser

Coffee Hour: Reed Miller

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Benton Bickerton
Fraser Street: Rod and Kathy
Burnham

Musicians: SCPC Youth, Laura
Essinger-Hileman, Jeremy Frank,
and Zack Maser

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in celebration of mothers everywhere (including women who have been mother figures in all our lives) and in honor and remembrance of our loving mothers, Clara Miller and Lucy Miley.



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

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

Adeline Richardson

L: God is creating his kingdom

P: There will come a time when God wipes away every tear

L: Until then, we can be examples of God's love and freedom

P: We can wipe away the tears from those who need us

L: We are agents for God's plans

**P: We are thankful that God calls us to create
the Beloved community**

L: Let us worship our loving God!

*Hymn

"Wherever Two or More are Gathered"

Matthew Black

Chorus

Wherever two or more are gathered,

Wherever two or more are gathered,

Wherever two or more are gathered, I will be there

Verse 1

I was there in the beginning,

I'll be with you til the end.

You are all my children.

You are all my friends.

Yes, I'm the one

who called you;

This is what I want you to do:

Love each other

as I have loved you.

Verse 2

I will teach you about giving,

I will teach you to forgive.

I will teach you about living,

I will show you what love is.

Yes, I'm the one

who called you;

This is what I want you to do:

Love each other as

I have loved you.

***Call to Confession**

Natalee Hoffman

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

Loving God, we confess that we often turn a blind eye to the injustice and cruelty done to your children. We confess that we often refuse the call to pick up our crosses and follow you, refraining from bravery and giving in to fear. Please transform our hearts with your grace so we can be effective agents for your compassionate will on earth.

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

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

***Response Hymn**

“Alleluia”

No. 588

Prayer for Inspiration

Garin Stone

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23: 1–6

Page 435 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“You Are Welcome Here”

Mark Burrows

High School Graduate Recognition

Reed Dressler

Owen Baron

Samuel Huggins

Henry Smith

Cade Behrer

Ava Krebs

Luca Snyder

Allison Cole

Katie McQueary

Lilly Stone

Children’s Time

Lily and Garin Stone

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

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,
He loves them as He loves you.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Text: C.H. Woolston, alt.

Tune: George F. Root

Second Scripture Reading

Revelation 7: 9–17

Page 999 in the pew Bible

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Senior Reflections

Allison Cole, Luca Snyder and Lilly Stone

*Hymn

“Clay in the Potter’s Hands”

Joel Blunk

Chorus

*Clay in the potter's hand
That's who I am,
that's who we are
And I can't wait to see
what takes shape
Who we become*

Verse 2

*Even when I'm broken or if we
should come unglued
God can take each token and
fashion something
fresh and new*

Verse 1

*God's got a hold on us right
down to our heart
Shaping and molding us into a
perfect work of art*

Bridge

*When we're open
To the possibilities
There is no limit to
What God can do
with you and me*

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

***Doxology Hymn**

Hymn No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ellen Woodruffo

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Mother's Day Litany

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.

***Hymn**

“My Lighthouse”

Verse 1

***In my wrestling
and in my doubts
In my failures
You won't walk out
Your great love will
lead me through
You are the peace
in my troubled sea
You are the peace
in my troubled sea***

Verse 2

***In the silence You won't let go
In the questions
Your truth will hold
Your great love
will lead us through
You are the peace
in my troubled sea
You are the peace
in my troubled sea***

Chorus

***My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore
safe to shore***

Verse 3

***I won't fear what
tomorrow brings
With each morning
I'll rise and sing
My God's love will
lead us through
You are the peace
in my troubled sea
You are the peace
in my troubled sea***

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***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Announcements and Upcoming Events

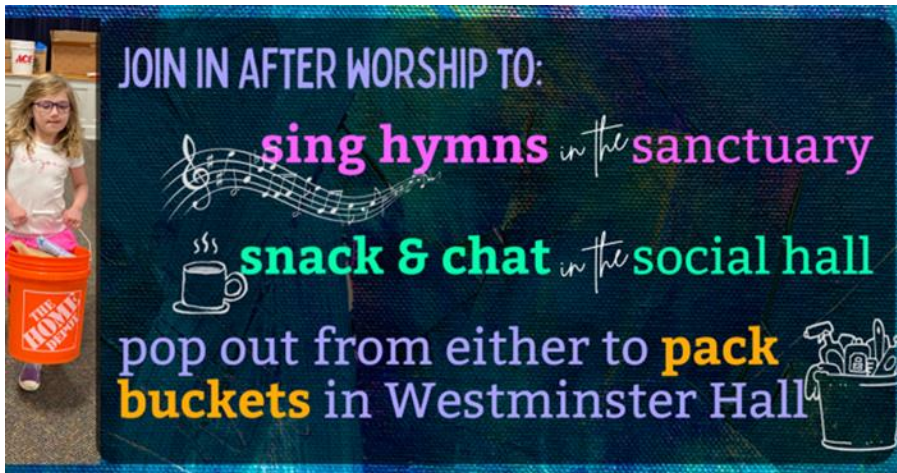
Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

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.



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.

Summer Pathways

As you are planning your summer, we hope you will plan on bringing your young children or grandchildren to our Summer Pathways! We are also looking for teachers for this weekly 40-minute class that happens during worship.

SUMMER PATHWAYS SUNDAYS will be:

June 15 and 29

July 13, 20, and 27

August 17, 24, and 31

Our theme this summer is God Loves ALL of US! Each of us are unique and special! Each Sunday, a children's picture book will be assigned to it.

Summer Pathways is designed for children who are ages 3 through completed 2nd Grade. Older children and youth may sign up to be helpers, and we will put them to work assisting with the crafts and helping with anything else in the classroom!

Leaders will use the story and the supplied lesson/craft ideas to go with the book. Plans will be written during the summer by Deannine, but all leaders will get plans at least 2 weeks in advance or more.

Sign up using the QR to help.



**PARKING VOUCHERS
FOR TODAY**

If you parked in the Beaver Avenue parking garage today you can stop by the information desk or the Fraser Street Entrance to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking.

The graphic features a dark teal background. On the left, there is an illustration of a yellow car and a green car parked in front of a brick building with a red 'P' parking sign. To the right of the illustration, the text 'PARKING VOUCHERS FOR TODAY' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a paragraph of white text provides details about the parking voucher offer.

Small Group Book Discussion Offering

Do you have questions after Brian McLaren's presentation on his most recent book, *Life After Doom?* The Spiritual Life Unit of the Session is offering a small group discussion of his talk and book. We are still working out details about format and scheduling, but if you have any interest, please contact Rob Huffard (rhuffard@outlook.com) or Roger Garthwaite (rgarth44@icloud.com).



Theology UnTapped

Join the YoPros for Theology UnTapped. This is a casual hangout, and we just take time to enjoy each other's company and conversation. This month, we'll meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm at the Bellefonte Wok. (Note: most months, we meet on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm and have been trying new places each time.)



Summer Sunday Worship beginning on May 25th

Worship Service - 9:30 am
with Coffee Hour to Follow outside or
in the Social Hall

There will be Summer Pathways on
June 15 and 29
July 13, 20, and 27
August 17, 24, and 31



Sign making in the Social Hall
for the Pride Parade on
May 25th during Coffee Hour

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE JUNE 7TH PRIDE PARADE!



Our amazing
Valerie Anderson
has been a classroom
teacher here at Stay and
Play Preschool for 14 years!
Valerie demonstrates her
love and commitment for
teaching each and every
day in and out of the
classroom. She is inspiring
with her passion for
learning, and she teaches
so much to everyone she
crosses paths with. Our
school and her students are
lucky to have Valerie.

**Congratulations, Valerie,
on a much deserved honor!**



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Wandering Women's Hike

All women of the church are invited to join the Wandering Women hike on Saturday, May 17, at Bald Eagle State Park. Ann Wheeler will be leading the hike and will go directly to the park. Those of you who plan to carpool can meet at the church parking lot at 8:30. We will be walking the Butterfly Trail, an easy two-mile walk, mostly flat and on mown grass. (When there has been recent rain or the dew is heavy, the grass can be very wet, so choose your shoes accordingly.)

To get to the park, once you reach the intersection of I-80 and PA150, drive 8.3 miles north and make a right turn onto Main Park Road. Go 6/10 of a mile and make a right at the sign for the beach. The road ends at a parking lot by the lake. Park on the east end of the parking lot, which will be to your left as you enter. Meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool, or at 9:15 at Bald Eagle State Park if you are going directly to the park. Dress for the weather, and consider sunscreen and/or insect repellent. We usually hike in light rain, but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather on SCPC Facebook and by email. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at annbehlenwheeler@gmail.com.





centregives.org



Wednesday, May 14 @ 8:00am

until Thursday, May 15 @ 8:00pm

- Donations can have a **bigger impact** during Centre Gives, so the Social Justice and Mission Team makes mid-year donations to our mission partners on these dates.
- Make your donations at centregives.org. Click the organizations you want to support from a list of great choices — including SCPC's own **Stay and Play** and **Camp Krislund!**



DID YOU KNOW?

MOTHER'S DAY

began with two women calling for policies that would save lives. Ann Jarvis (1858) called for adequate sanitation in Appalachia, and Julia Ward Howe (1870) called for peace

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 11

Youth Led Service

Bucket Filling Sunday

AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm
11
10:30 Connect, Rm 10
10:30 Adult Education, Sanctuary
10:30 Oasis, Fireside Rm
10:30 Pathways, Rm 209/210

Mon 12

PM 6:00 Scout Den Meetings, Rm 10 & 11
6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
7:00 CAYAM, Rm 13
7:00 Men's Bible Study, Fireside Rm
7:00 Stay and Play Advisory Team
Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer, Zoom
7:30 Education Ministry Unit
Meeting, Martin Rm

Tues 13

AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer, Zoom
7:15 Personnel Ministry Unit, Zoom

Wed 14

Centre Gives

PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word, Rm 10
5:30 Finance Committee Meeting,
Martin Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
8:00 Women's Fellowship, Federal
Taphouse

Thurs 15

Centre Gives

PM 1:00 Visitation Deacons' Meeting, Rm
10/Zoom
5:00 Worship Committee Meeting,
Martin Rm
6:30 Men's Covenant Group, Martin
Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir

Fri 16

Presby Post Deadline

Sat 17

AM 9:00 Wandering Women's Hike, Bald
Eagle State Park

Sun 18

AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm
11
10:30 Adult Ed, Westminster Hall
10:30 Connect, Rm 10
10:30 Oasis, Fireside Rm
10:30 Pathways, Rm 209/210
11:30 Session Meeting, Martin Rm

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