

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 2

9:00 am Coffee Hour—Zoom

10:00 am In-person Worship Service

Worship Service—YouTube

12:30 pm Deacons—Zoom

12:30 pm Touchstone

Monday, May 3

Study Break 8:00 am—7:30 pm
Social Hall

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—
Zoom

7:30 pm Scouts, Westminster
Hall

8:00 pm POLO Bible Study—
Zoom

Tuesday, May 4

Study Break 8:00 am—7:30 pm
Social Hall

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting— Zoom

Wednesday, May 5

Study Break 8:00 am—7:30 pm
Social Hall

12:30 Stay & Play Staff
Meeting, Social Hall

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom

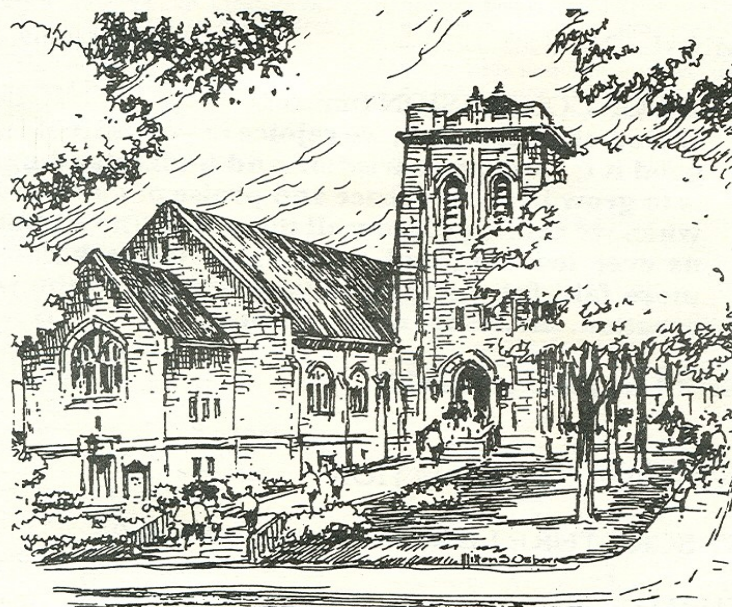
6:30 pm FISH

Thursday, May 6

Study Break 8:00 am—7:30 pm
Social Hall

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8



The State College Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Pastor: Dean Lindsey

Associate Pastor for Youth & Mission: Michael Ozaki

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Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon

Stay & Play Preschool Director: Laura Steager

Stay & Play Preschool Assistant Director: Aida Pistone

Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry

Evening Custodian: Lindsey Hockenberry

Coming Out of Covid Small Group

"all who had returned from captivity (in Babylon) began to work on rebuilding the Temple of God..." Ezra 3:8 (NCV)

All are invited to this exploration of how we can move intentionally into post-Covid times. We'll see what scripture has to say about resuming life and posing questions to be discussed in small groups to consider how we've been affected and how we might be called to move forward in a little different way.

Please join Mary Jane Kistler for one or both sessions Wednesdays May 5th and May 12th from 7:00—8:00 pm via Zoom.

To register, email mkistler1983@gmail.com by May 2nd with the session(s) you want to attend. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the session.

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE "Fanfare and Processional" Lynn Trapp

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 4:9, 11, 12

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him!

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love God.

If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

With love in our hearts, and praises on our lips, let us worship the God who loves us.

HYMN NO. 627 "I Love You, Lord" Cantor: Connie Curilla

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;

O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

CALL TO CONFESSION Mike Ozaki

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we take for granted the love you share with us, and the community to which you have called us to be a part. We forget that faith depends upon relationship, our relationships with one another and with you. Forgive us, we pray, when we fail to build up the work and witness of your people. Encourage us in the careful listening, mutual support, and kind attention which build the bonds of community. Help us always to grow together in the body of Christ as we seek to worship and serve you, through Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM "All the Ends of the Earth Shall Sing" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22: 22—31 Dean Lindsey

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Wandering Women Hike—May 8

This month, we're hiking the Musser Gap Trail. We'll meet at the Musser Gap Trail parking lot off Rt. 45 between Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills at 9:00 a.m. for a 2 hour hike with reflection and prayer. (In your navigation app enter Musser Gap Trail Parking Area.) Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather; bring a water bottle. Weather consideration: we can hike in light rain; walk will be cancelled if there is a possibility of a storm. Contact Kim Phillips at kgphillips@comcast.net if you have questions about May's hike. Safety during COVID: For now, we will not ride share so we will meet at the site of the hike. Plan to wear a mask and practice social distancing on the hike. Other items to bring: tick repellent, hat and/or sunscreen.

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays at Noon

The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via Zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together. Contact Allison Maus for more information.

Wednesday in the Word

On May 5th, we begin our new study, "A Deeper Look at the Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in the Likeness of Christ" by Hazel Offner with Dale and Sandy Larsen. Newcomers are welcome. Bring a Bible and join us for this study and fellowship time. We meet on Zoom Wednesdays at 12:30 for lunch, then 12:45 to 1:45 for the study, and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

Sunday Morning In-Person Worship

We are holding a limited in-person worship service on Sundays at 10:00 am. Please remember the limitations: face masks must be worn at all times, social distancing will be enforced, services will be about 30 minutes, windows will be open and circulating fan will be on, limit of 35 people in attendance. Please let us know you are coming by calling (814-238-2422) or emailing the church office (officescpc@gmail.com) so we can plan to accommodate everyone.

Coffee Hour is Back (It will be virtual for now)

Would you like to have some nice conversations with other folks from the church? Then please join us on Sundays at 9:00. Our moderators will come up with a few topics each week, and participants will be split up into table groups of five or six to share their thoughts before being called back to the larger group. A link to join the Zoom Coffee Hour will be available in the weekly email or on the church webpage (www.scpresby.org).

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group has been meeting via Zoom and occasionally in person. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7—8:30 pm. If you are interested in being added to the email invitation list and to receive the access code, or would like more information, please contact Bob Igo (814-280-0437) or rli2@psu.edu.

Meals on Wheels

Are you homebound and having difficulty preparing meals during the COVID crisis? Or do you have a parent or friend who could use assistance? State College Area Meals on Wheels is ready to help. Call 814-237-8135 or visit www.scmow.org to find out more.

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,

but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

SERMON

“Together Again”

Dean Lindsey

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Brief Statement of Faith” paragraph 4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as

Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

RECOGNITION OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

Allison Maus

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.

HYMN NO. 767

"Together We Serve"

- 1) Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.
- 2) We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.
- 3) We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
- 4) Together by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

BENEDICTION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà"

Johann Ernst Eberlin

Please reach out if there is anything we can do for you. We are checking voicemail (814-238-2422) and emails (officescpc@gmail.com) daily. If you have access to a computer, please check the website (www.scpresby.org) and our Facebook page for spiritual offerings and for church information.

Presbytery Prayer List

Please include in prayers this week:
Krislund Camp & Retreat Center, Josh Boyd, Director
Summer Staff, volunteers and campers
Krislund Board of Directors, Elder Ed Bratton, Chair