



Welcome to Worship

October 8, 2023

9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Allison Maus

Introit Hymn No. 175

“Seek Ye First”

*Call to Worship

Reed Dressler

Leader: In every corner of creation people live in awe of the signs of God’s glory

People: God makes the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Leader: God waters the earth and greatly enriches it; the river of God is full of water.

People: All along its banks, God provides fruit and grain in abundance

Leader: God waters the furrows of the fields abundantly,

People: Settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

Leader: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

People: Let’s join all creation singing together for joy.

*Hymn No. 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Call to Confession

Reed Dressler

*Prayer of Confession

Reed Dressler

O Lord, you are our shepherd, And yet we want. We lie down when we can act. We stir the pot when we can offer peace. We wander tempting paths instead of following you. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy. So that we might dwell in You, and live by your grace, forever. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Reed Dressler

*Passing of the Peace

Reed Dressler

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Laura Millard

First Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Laura Millard

Anthem

“How Firm A Foundation”

arr. Gordon Young

Children’s Time

Deannine Shipman

Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2 “These Treasured Children”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

*Affirmation of Faith—Nicene Creed John Porter

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements Allison Maus

Minute for Mission—CROP Walk Curt Dell

Call to Offering Allison Maus

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology Hymn No. 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication Laura Millard

Sharing Joys and Concerns Allison Maus

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Allison Maus

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. 15 “All Creatures of our God and King”

*Charge & Benediction John Porter & Allison Maus

Postlude

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at 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.



Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Curt Dell

Ushers: Rhett McLaren, Melissa Pike, Marti Sawyer and Phil Spangler

Information Desk: Linda Edvar

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Amy Elliott

Bridge Door: Richard Page and Katherine Allen

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jamey Perry

Assistant: Margaret VanFossan and Scott & Terri Thompson

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are in memory of John Roe who would have celebrated his birthday this week given by Liane Roe.

**Presentation on the Role of Elder—
October 15th at 11:00 am**

John Porter will be offering a short 20 minute presentation on the role of Elder on October 15th after the Exploration hour in the Martin Room. If you are interested in knowing more about this particular form of service and leadership in our church feel free to stop in. Our Congregational Officer Nominating Committee is currently working to discern who might be called to serve in the next class of officers that will be elected in November.

Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Join Christine and Hannah from Jana Marie Foundation as they lead a discussion on "Suicide Prevention: What You Can Do". Come and learn more about the action steps we can all take to prevent suicide in our communities. We'll discuss suicide warning signs, statistics, resources, and how to have courageous, lifesaving conversations. This discussion will take place in Westminster Hall today after service.

Connect - Room 10 is another 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.

**Sunday Membership
Opportunity—TODAY!**

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service today 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).



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OCTOBER 2023 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
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PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Link open through
October 29

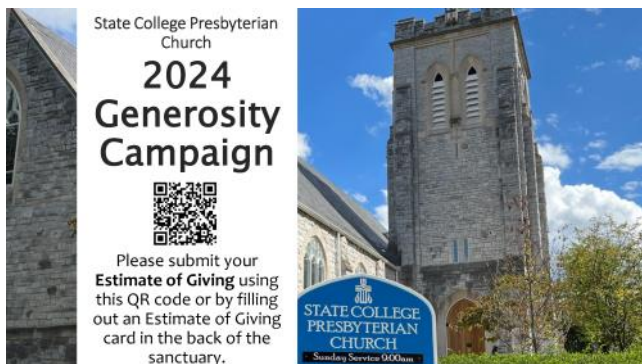


ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

Join us!
October 22 at 1:30pm

Donate or register here:

2023 Budget Updates thru 9/29/2023:	
Giving:	Expenses:
Budgeted Giving: \$775,000	Spending to Date: \$698,875
Target Giving: \$875,000	
Received to Date: \$618,349	
Actual % to Target: 70.7%	
Difference to Targeted (39 weeks): -4.3%	
Note: What is reported is only "giving" income and does not reflect total income	



State College Presbyterian Church

2024 Generosity Campaign

Please submit your Estimate of Giving using this QR code or by filling out an Estimate of Giving card in the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday, October 8th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Children, Worship, & Song during worship—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 210
- 10:15 am Adult Ed—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 1:30 pm Youth Ministry Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom

Monday, October 9th

Stay and Play Closed

- 6:30 pm SJMT—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, October 10th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:00 pm Personnel Ministry Unit—Martin Room
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, October 11th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom & Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10
- 8:00 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Martin Rm

Thursday, October 12th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

Friday, October 13th

PresbyPost Deadline

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Rm

Saturday, October 14th

Game Day Parking—Hekima



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- 11:00 am Presentation on Role of Elder—Martin Rm
- 11:30 am Session Meeting—Martin Rm
- 4:00 pm Visitation Training—Room 10

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.

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.

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.