



Welcome to Worship

October 16, 2022

9:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Toccata for a Festive Day”
The Handbell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

Opening Words

Deannine Shipman

Introit

All the Ends of the Earth Shall Sing

The refrain will be introduced by the piano, then the choir/cantor. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as invited by the cantor

Janet Vogt

All the ends of the earth shall sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Celebrate! Be glad in your God.

People: He provides the teacher, the one who trains us how to live right—

Leader: Teaching, like rain out of heaven, showers of words to refresh and nourish your soul, just as he used to do.

People: And plenty of food for our bodies.

Leader: You'll know without question that I'm in the thick of life with you.

People: You are our God, the one and only real God. You have called to us, and we give ourselves to you.

*Hymn No. 612

“We Praise You, O God”

*Call to Confession

Allison Maus

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your grace is tireless, yet we are not always faithful in loving you and others. We minimize your power and squander our gifts even as we hear the cries of those in need. Grant us the endurance to persist toward justice in our suffering world. Give us the faith to believe that with your help we will not fail. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration		Greg Giles
First Scripture Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	
Anthem	“You Are Welcome Here” The LOGOS Geckos	Mark Burrows
Time for Children		
See “Children in Worship”		
Presentation of 2nd Grade Bibles		
Brady Cicero		
Danny Dixon		
Fiona Woodruff		
Song After Children’s Time	“These Treasured Children” Hymn No. 487 v. 2	
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 18:1-8	John Porter
Sermon	“Commendable Persistence”	John Porter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 688	“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”	
Welcome and Announcements		
Welcome New Members		
Call to Offering		
Offertory	“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”	David Cherwien
*Doxology Hymn No. 607	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*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.		
*Hymn No. 648	“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”	
*Charge & Benediction		
*Sharing of the Peace		
Postlude	“Lord of the Dance” The Handbell Choir	Arranged by Vicki Smith

Welcome Visitors & Guests

We are so glad you have joined us today. If you have questions about our church stop by the Information Desk outside the Church Office.

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Tracy Massaglia

Ushers: Jennifer Creighton, Mike Gordon, Joseph Kockelmans, and Juli Mortimore

Information Desk: Diana Malcom

Communion Table Flowers: The sunflowers on the Communion Table are in honor of Ukraine and her people.

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of Lola and David Gifford.

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Susan Sanders and Phil Spangler

Parking Lot: Tom Wheeler

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jamey Perry

Assisting: Owen Perry and Marcus Wheeler



Adult Offerings Today

October 16th "The Pastor Search Process" Our church will soon be embarking on a search for a new senior pastor. What is the Presbyterian process for doing this? Join Ginny Rainey and Ken Raney as they provide an overview of this multi-step journey -- from self-study to the formation of a pastor nominating committee to calling a new pastor. We encourage you to bring your questions about how you can have input and be involved in this critical transition for our congregation. This will take place in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am today.

"Connect" is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics. Come as you are to listen, share, grow, and be! This will take place in Room 10 at 10:15 am.

Food Bank Needs

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

- Tea Bags
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent

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

God's Bounty—TODAY

All are invited to share in God's Bounty today, after the CROP Walk. The Deacons will be hosting a gathering on the front lawn with grilled hot dogs, walking tacos and more. Estimated gathering time is 3:30 pm. Pets welcome. Come fellowship with us!

Children in Worship

9:00 am Worship - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K) meets in Westminster Hall.

Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3) meets in Room 11.

Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

Exploration Hour

PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary) meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

THE OASIS (grades 6-12) meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

This Week at SCPC

Sunday, October 16th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 1:30 pm CROP Walk
- God's Bounty—After the CROP walk in the Front Lawn

Monday, October 17th

- 7:00 pm CAYAM—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, October 18th

- 8:00 am Building and Property Committee—Social Hall
- 9:00 am SMART Work Day
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:00 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, October 19th

- 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Fireside Room
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

Thursday, October 20th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 21st

Chrysalis Fall Retreat—Krislund

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Room

Saturday, October 22nd

Chrysalis Fall Retreat—Krislund

- Game Day Parking benefitting Stay and Play

Sunday, October 23rd

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- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children & Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 4:30 pm YoPro Bonfire Harvest Party—The Davises' s



You are invited to make a Christmas card or write an encouraging message to a person who is incarcerated in Centre County. Centre Peace reports that these cards make a real difference at a time of year when people can feel particularly forgotten. Cards should be signed with first names only (or a middle name, if you prefer). Cards are due October 30, so that Centre Peace has time to scan them so that the prison system can accept them. Dropoff boxes will be at both entrances starting next week.

On October 30, There will be a Card Corner at Coffee Hour with cards, stickers, and pens. Stop by the Social Hall on your way to your Exploration Hour destination to decorate, write, or both!

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.

