



Welcome to Worship

September 10, 2023

9:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude "Take Up Your Cross" Steve Millikan

Words of Welcome Reed Dressler

Introit Hymn No. 613 "O Lord, Our Lord"

***Call to Worship** Reed Dressler

Leader: Sing a brand-new song of praise in the company of God's beloved

People: Let all who love God praise their creator.

Leader: Let God's children celebrate God's reign of love.

People: Praise God's name in dance; Strike up the band and make great music!

Leader: And why? Because God delights in his people,

People: God covers ordinary people with extraordinary redeeming love!

***Hymn No. 439** "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

***Call to Confession** Allison Maus

***Prayer of Confession** Allison Maus

God of light and life, you challenge us to step out of the shadows, and to put on the light of Christ. As the people of God in this place, we know our witness to the world shines through our love and care for one another. Forgive our actions and thoughts that increase despair and suffering. The world around us, and our spirits within, yearn for the light of hope to dawn in our lives. Remind us that your light shines through us. Remove the gunk from our hearts and minds that hinder us from loving you and our neighbors. Help us to radiate faithful love through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon** Allison Maus

***Passing of the Peace** Allison Maus

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration Liane Roe

First Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14 Liane Roe

Anthem

Children's Time Deannine Shipman

Song After Children's Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2 "These Treasured Children"

Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 18:15-20	John Porter
Sermon		John Porter
Responding to the Word		
*Hymn No 308	“O God in Whom All Life Begins”	
*Affirmation of Faith - Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39		John Porter
<p>We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.</p>		
Announcements		Allison Maus
Celebration of Summer Ministry Video		
Call to Offering		John Porter
Offertory Anthem		
*Doxology Hymn No. 609	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*Prayer of Dedication		Liane Roe
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		John Porter
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		John Porter
<p>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.</p>		
*Hymn No. 822	“When We Are Living”	
*Charge & Benediction		Allison Maus & John Porter
Postlude		

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:** Carrie Miller**Ushers:** Tracy Massaglia, Rhett McLaren, Margaret Van Fossan, and Melanie Wassom**Information Desk:** Anne Layng**Greeters this Morning:****Fraser Street:** Judy Killam**Parking Lot:** Linda Morrow**Coffee Hour:****Hosts:** Diana and Blair Malcom

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are given by Jill Anderson in memory of her late husband, Kermit C. Anderson, and all who perished in the terrorist attack of 9/11/01, "Lest We forget".

Parking Vouchers for Today!

Today, those who park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage while attending the Sunday worship service can stop by the information desk to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking (can only be used Sunday morning in the Beaver Avenue garage). Someone is at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

Scouts Leading a Hike with SCPC Children, Families, & Youth

The Scouts are offering an organized hike for today, September 10th. This is for any of our children and youth to attend. A parent or guardian is required to accompany any child going on the 3-mile hike with our Cub Scouts. Everyone will meet at the church at 1 PM and then drive down as a group to the parking lot near Hunter's Rocks on the Standing Stone Trail. Both the children/Cub Scouts and the youth/Scouts will start and end their hikes from the same parking lot. The Pack will lead the SCPC children on a 3-mile loop while the Troop will lead the SCPC youth on a 5-mile loop. Closed-toe shoes, a hat, a water bottle, and a hiking snack are encouraged. Sunscreen/bug spray should be applied before arrival at the church. After the hike is over, we will drive back to the church parking lot.

Sunday Membership Opportunity—Today!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to Pastor John's Office 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).

Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am

Pam and Doug Ford will lead a discussion on discovering the benefits and joys of gardening for pollinators! In addition to its natural beauty, your garden can be transformed into a paradise for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. They manage the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden, a 3 acre habitat in Tudek Park, State College. This discussion will take place in Westminster Hall

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.

LOGOS Fall Klondike Kick-Off

SCPC's LOGOS program is a mid-week ministry for children and youth in 1st-8th grade. LOGOS Geckos is our program for 1st-5th grade and LOGOS Chrysalis is our 6th-8th grade ministry. Each Tuesday from September-April, we build multi-generational relationships between participants and church volunteers as we prepare to lead worship together, study God's Word, play together and share a meal. All SCPC families with children of program age are encouraged to be part of this wonderful ministry. Join us for our annual Klondike Kick-Off on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. We will have a short parent meeting, a game for the children and youth and of course, Klondike bars! If you have questions prior to this kick-off, please feel free to reach out to our program director, Keri Rounsville (rouns626@yahoo.com/814-574-5156) or Deannine Shipman (deanninescpc@gmail.com/814-238-2422 ext. 213).

TENDING THE SOIL OF OUR HEARTS
A Spiritual Life Mini-Retreat

September 24th 3-6:30pm
RE Farm Cafe
at Windswept Farm
Find more info and
registration on our website!

Registration deadline: 9/17

Check out our Men's Retreat opportunity too on our website through the same QR code above

Sunday, September 10th

- 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—Room 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Pastor John's Office
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm
- 1:00 pm Scout Led Hike

Monday, September 11th

- 5:30 pm SJMT Meeting
- 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting—Martin Rm
- 6:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 6:30 pm Nominating Committee—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout Den Meeting—Rm 10 & 11
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

Tuesday, September 12th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 4:30 pm Membership Meeting—Martin Rm
- 6:30 pm LOGOS Klondike Kickoff

Wednesday, September 13th

- 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, September 14th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee—Zoom
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting—Zoom

Friday, September 15th

FISH Fall Retreat

PresbyPost Deadline

Saturday, September 16th

FISH Fall Retreat

- 9:00 am Wandering Women Hike
- 9:30 am CLP Event—Rm 10
- 1:00 pm Jay Van Hook Memorial Service and Reception

Sunday, September 17th

FISH Fall Retreat

- 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—Room 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 10:15 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:30 am Session Meeting—Martin Rm

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.

