



September 15, 2024
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: Rhett McLaren
Ushers: Bruce Grinder, Joe Kockelmans, Mary Ann Sesler, Leslie Stafford, and Melanie Wassom

Information Desk: Meg Moose

Liturgist: Steve VanHook

Musicians: Chancel Choir

Coffee Hour:

Host: Diana Malcom
Assistants: Margaret VanFossan

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Kiwon Jung and Liane Roe
Fraser Street: John and Carol Graham

The Front Cover Art is *Starry Night Over the Rhône* by Vincent Van Gogh.

The sanctuary flowers were 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”.



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.

Prelude “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Benedetto Marcello

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Scott Hoffman

Minute for Mission Luca Snyder and Lily Stone

***Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)** Deannine Shipman

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

L: Look at the heavens! They are shouting the glory of God.

P: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God’s creative works.

L: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

P: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you, our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn** “Earth and All Stars!” No. 26

***Call to Confession** Reed Dressler

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.


*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 of Assurance

Paul Vasile



Glo-ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, _____

whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, _____ whose love has set me free.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Inspiration

Steve Van Hook

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 19
Page 433 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

Children’s Time

Second Grade Bibles

Adalynn Astare, Annabel Maser, and Miller Salerno

Song after Children's Time

Martin Shaw, Words by Walter J. Mathams



Je - sus, Friend of lit - tle child - ren, Be a friend to me;
Take my hand and ev - er keep me Close to thee.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Page 820 in the pew Bible

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Who Do You Say He Is?”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

*Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

No. 722

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Amen.

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

“Creator of the Stars at Night”

Sarah Gen Burghart Rice

***Doxology**

[OLD HUNDREDTH]

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav’nly host;
Praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***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**

“Bless the Lord”
Sing Three Times

No. 544

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

“Grand Choer in G Major”

Théodore Salomé

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.

Adult Education – Meets in Westminster Hall on the lower level. Coffee and other goodies will be served from Coffee Hour in this class.

Today our class is led by Janet Kephart, Moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery. She will be talking about the General Assembly Report and share her experience as a commissioner to the PC(USA) General Assembly in July.

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.

EXPLORATION HOUR



Out of the Darkness Walk – October 13th

State College Presbyterian Church's Youth Advisory Committee invites all congregants to join us in the Out of the Darkness Walk on October 13th at noon in Tudek Park. We encourage everyone to join so we can show that we care about those suffering from suicidal ideation and are working to prevent it from causing more harm. Let us know if you plan to attend by using the QR code. Today, during Exploration Hour, our Oasis group is helping people sign up for the Walk in the Social Hall. They will also be coming into the Adult Education and Connect rooms to offer opportunities to sign up.

Together, let's follow Christ's example by showing love to all who suffer from the horror that is suicide!

State College Presbyterian Church T-Shirts

State College Presbyterian Church is ordering T-shirts! You can wear these for the many outward-facing projects we organize or just in your daily life. These shirts embody our commitment to loving everyone as Jesus did and working to create the world he calls us to create!

Using the QR code, let us know how many shirts and what sizes you would like to order. We encourage people to pay \$10 for each T-shirt to help defray the cost of the shirts, but please know this is pay-what-you-can.

Please complete the form by noon on September 20th to get your shirt(s) in the first order.

Thank you to the Deacons, Youth Advisory Committee, and SJMT for working together to make these shirts a reality!





Looking forward to another year at LOGOS? The Wait is Almost Over! We Kickoff on September 17th

LOGOS is our multigenerational midweek ministry for children and youth from 1st - 8th Grades. GECKOS* is for elementary kids, and Chrysalis is for middle school youth. (*God's Enthusiastic Caring Kids Of Spirit) Together = LOGOS.

Each week, on Tuesdays, we build relationships by learning about God's Word, playing together, learning to lead worship, eating, laughing, and praying together.

Our Klondike Kickoff is a time for families to gather to experience the fun and learn about LOGOS. It's our PARENT NIGHT! Bring the kids, and save room for a Klondike bar! Join us on September 17th at 6:30 pm. While parents are learning about LOGOS the children get to participate in some fun ice cream-related games. This event is for children in grades 1-8 and their parents.

Get Ready for FISH (Fellowship In Senior High)!

Our Wednesday night high school group, FISH, is resuming on September 18th! Open to all high school students, FISH is a vibrant community where teens can joyfully deepen their faith, share in fellowship, and navigate life's challenges together.

Join us every Wednesday evening for dinner, meaningful discussions, fun activities, and a chance to grow closer to God and each other. We can't wait to see our high schoolers back and ready to dive in!



Wednesday Women's Fellowship

Please consider joining us for fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 pm at the Federal Taphouse for Women's Fellowship. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we gather and connect. Questions can be directed to Danielle Rhubart (315-408-8637).

Help us create Christmas Cards for our incarcerated neighbors!



**Christmas
before
Halloween**

- All-ages mission opportunity!
- Blank cards available in the office today
- Card Corner by Oasis at Coffee Hour Oct. 20th
- **Cards due October 31!**
- Details and **ideas** at tinyurl.com/Cards4Incarcerated

SCPC Stories of Grace

Join us for a special Adult Ed on Sunday, September 22, for SCPC Stories of Grace.

Several members will share stories of various ways our church has impacted their lives and there will be time for others to share as well. Any questions, please contact Amy Frank.

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
Director of Youth Ministry: Reed Dressler
Membership and Program Associate: Martha Trout
Financial Administrator: Michelle Fortin
Assistant Financial Administrator: Anne Thomas
Church Secretary: Laura Green
Mission Associate: Cricket Hunter
Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Stay and Play Preschool Director: Laura Seeley
Stay and Play Assistant Director: Dianna Danko
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon
Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry
Assistant Custodian: Chelsea Hockenberry

**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 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.



Calendar

Sun 15

Second Grade Bibles

- AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 CW & S, Rm10 &
Westminster Hall
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Session, Martin Rm
- PM 5:00 LOGOS Leader Training,
Social Hall

Mon 16

- PM 6:00 Scout Den Meeting, Rm 10
& Rm 11
6:00 Stay and Play Advisory
Team Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Centering Prayer, Zoom

Tues 17

- AM 8:00 Building and Property,
Rm 10
9:00 SMART Work Day
10:00 Staff Meeting
- PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer,
Zoom
6:30 LOGOS Kickoff, Social
Hall

Wed 18

- PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
7:00 Generosity, Martin Rm
7:00 Spiritual Life, Zoom
8:00 Women's Bible Study

Thurs 19

- PM 1:00 Visitation Deacon Meeting,
Rm 10/Zoom
6:00 PSF, Fireside Rm
6:00 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

Fri 20

PresbyPost Deadline

Sat 21

- Game Day Parking Benefitting
Hekima
- PM Chrysalis 8th Grade Overnight

Sun 22

- AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 CW& S, Rm 10 &
Westminster Hall
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 YAC Meeting, Fireside
Rm