



## Welcome to Worship

September 17, 2023

9:00 am

### Gathering Around the Word



#### Prelude

Words of Welcome

Reed Dressler

Introit Hymn No. 613

“O Lord, Our Lord”

**\*Call to Worship**

Reed Dressler

Leader: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

People: for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness we give you glory, O God.

**\*Hymn No. 65**

“Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*Call to Confession**

Deannine Shipman

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Deannine Shipman

**We are mindful that each time we come into your presence how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us we bear grudges and think ill of them. We are quick to anger when we feel we’ve been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Deannine Shipman

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Deannine Shipman

### Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Katie Stone

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 114

Katie Stone

Anthem

Paul and Juli Mortimore

Children’s Time

Deannine Shipman

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

John Porter

Sermon

Becoming Gracious: From Stone to Spring

John Porter

### Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn No. 753**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** - Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

John Porter

**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.**

**Announcements**

Allison Maus

Welcoming our New Member

**Minute for Mission—Presbyterian Student Fellowship**

**Call to Offering**

Allison Maus

**Offertory Anthem**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Katie Stone

**Sharing of 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. 268** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**\*Charge & Benediction**

John Porter & Allison Maus

**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.

During September, National Suicide Prevention Month, we pray for all who are coping with or who have experienced thoughts of suicide, and we give thanks for all who answer calls and texts at the National Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 988.

**PRESBYTERIAN  
STUDENT  
FELLOWSHIP**

college student ministry

Student gathering every  
Thursday 6-8pm  
Free meal and friendship!

support our  
students by  
providing a meal



**Ushers this Morning:**

**Head Usher:** Sharon Ambrose

**Ushers:** Tracy Massaglia, Phil Spangler, Margaret Van Fossan, and Melanie Wassom

**Information Desk:** Bob Igo

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are in memory of our grandparents, Harry and Sara Nehrig, from Rick and Carolyn Bryant.

**Greeters this Morning:**

**Fraser Street:** Marti Sawyer

**Parking Lot:** Karen & Bob Johnson

**Coffee Hour:**

**Host:** Reed Miller

**MEN'S RETREAT**  
The Return of the Prodigal Son

October 6-8th @ Krislund

Small Groups,  
Personal Reflection,  
and Service.



Registration  
and more info  
on our website

**Adult Education—Today at 10:15 am**

Paul Mortimore will be leading a discussion called “How Many Times? Forgiveness as a Lifestyle.” Too often we think about forgiveness as an act, an event. But forgiving as God forgives, leads us to a much deeper reality. 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.

**LOGOS**

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. First Regular Program night is Tuesday, September 19th!

**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



**2023 Budget Updates thru 9/14/2023:**

Giving:	Expenses:
Budgeted Giving: \$775,000	Spending to Date: \$634,982
Target Giving: \$875,000	
<b>Received to Date: \$581,482</b>	
Actual % to Target: 66.5%	
Difference to Targeted (37 weeks): -4.7%	
Note: What is reported is only “giving” income and does not reflect total income	

Two tables have been delivered to Krislund~ What an awesome way to create something useful and keep plastic out of the landfills! Remember cap collection is ongoing. Check out the weekly update for more information.



**Chrysalis Fall Retreat**

Chrysalis youth - join us for the Fall Retreat from Friday evening 9/29 to Sunday morning 10/1! Our weekend together at camp will help us build stronger connections to one another and God. We'll play, pray, talk, worship, enjoy God's gift of nature, have adventures, and experience God's peacefulness intended for all creation. Sign ups are open via the Google Form found by following the QR code.



**Presentation on the Office of Deacon—  
Today at 11:00 am**

John Porter will be offering a short 20 minute presentation on the office of Deacon this Sunday 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. A presentation on the Office of Elder will be October 15th.

### Sunday, September 17th

- 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 YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 11:30 am Session Meeting—Martin Rm

### Monday, September 18th

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout Pack Meeting—Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

### Tuesday, September 19th

- 8:00 am Building and Property Committee Meeting—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
- 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 6:30 pm LOGOS Parent's Meeting—Rm 10

### Wednesday, September 20th

- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom & Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm FISH—Fireside Rm
- 6:00 pm CAYAM—Martin Rm
- 6:00 pm PNC Meeting—Rm 10

### Thursday, September 21st

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

### Friday, September 22nd

### Saturday, September 23rd

Game Day Parking—Benefiting Hekima

### Sunday, September 24th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
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- 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 YoPro Bible Study—Tower Rm
- 3:00 pm Spiritual Life Retreat—ReFarm

## 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.

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://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.

