



September 29, 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: Joe Kockelmans, Sharon
Manno, Leslie Stafford, Brady
Wassom and Melanie Wassom

Information Desk: Diana Malcom

Liturgist: John Robison

Coffee Hour:

Host: Jamey Perry

Greeters:

Parking Lot: Margaret Van Fossan
Fraser Street: Judy Killam and
Jane Butler

Musicians: Chancel Choir

The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Sandy Essinger-Hileman, given by her daughter Laura.



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 in body or spirit.

Prelude

“Allein Gott in der Höh” Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 78, No. 1
(*All glory be to God on high*)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Scott Hoffman

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**

Deannine Shipman

L: Upon this gathering of your people,

P: pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

L: Be near to us and speak to us,

P: and we will proclaim your glory.

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

No. 645

***Call to Confession**

Reed Dressler

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that 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.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major and 12/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the piece with a final cadence.

Prayer for Inspiration

John Robison

First Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29
Page 113 in the pew Bible

Anthem

“Hear My Prayer”
Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

Installation of Education Volunteers

Children’s Time

Parents and Guardians, please take note that during the children's message, children may be photographed or video recorded due to our live stream. The video/images may be used without compensation by the church for promotional purposes in digital or print media. If you do not wish for your child to be in the live stream, the front pew/row of chairs is not in the live shot.

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.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:38–50
Page 821 in the pew Bible

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Whose Job Is It Anyway?”

Rev. Scott Hoffman

*Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 286

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Alfred V. Fedak

***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**

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Marty Haugen



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the
King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,
Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Dir, dir, Jehova” Sgfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 78, No. 7
(*To You, to you, Jehovah, I want to sing*)

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 Tirzah Gibboney with the Bridge of Hope. Come learn about Bridge of Hope Centre County and find out how building a caring, Christ-centered community can help end family homelessness.

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.



Our **Angel Tree**
goes up in November

You helped us deliver more than 380 gifts to folks in 13 programs at 8 local agencies last year.

Is 2024 your year to help out?
interest survey @
tinyurl.com/AngelTreeInterest2024



Join us!
October 27 at 1:30pm
Donate or register at
tinyurl.com/SCPCCrop2024

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

Juniper Village Block Party

Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing.

Join us!
Oct. 6th, 2:45-4:00
and first Sundays of every other month.

Sign up tinyurl.com/Juniper2024



SCPC Social at Big Spring Spirits

Make plans to join the SCPC Deacons for the church social event of the year! On October 14th, we'll be taking over Big Spring Spirits for the night, so come out for this free and fun event!



Big Spring Spirits
198 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte
Monday, October 14th
5:30 - 8:00 pm

A casual buffet dinner will be served and all beverages will be complimentary with many thanks to Kevin Lloyd and Big Spring Spirits. The event will be open house style, so feel free to come and go anytime from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. If you've been to any of our previous events at Big Spring, you know this is one that you won't want to miss! Contact Sharon Ambrose at ambrosesharon@hotmail.com or 814-441-4002 with any questions.

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

September 29th @6pm
Fireside Room
Enjoy a great movie with
even better discussion!



This month's movie:
Happy-Go-Lucky

PARKING VOUCHERS FOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, you may stop by the Information Desk or the Fraser Street Entrance to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking in the Beaver Avenue parking garage.



LOGOS GECKOS Bring a Friend Night

The LOGOS elementary-aged GECKOS have planned a Bring a Friend night for Tuesday, October 15th (4:15 -7:00 pm). Children can bring friends on other LOGOS nights, but this is one night in particular we encourage you to invite someone else to try the program. The theme will be SILLY SOCKS and welcome all the friends at dinner.

**Put this date on your calendar if you are wanting to invite someone—
October 15th!**

It's Time for Our 2025 Generosity Campaign!

We are grateful to the congregation for your generous financial support of State College Presbyterian Church (SCPC) over the past year. We continue to find innovative new ways to celebrate, nurture, and serve together.

We hope you'll join our Session and Deacons in making a financial commitment to SCPC for 2025. You can make your commitment using this QR code, go online to <https://www.scpresby.org/2025-pledge-form.html> to fill out the secure virtual Estimate of Giving card, or fill out and return an Estimate of Giving card (available soon) to the Church Office.



Thanks for your continued support of God's work at SCPC!

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 29

- 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
PM 1:30 Paul Bender Visitation and
Memorial Service, Martin Rm &
Sanctuary

Mon 30

- PM 6:00 Scout Troop Meeting,
Westminster Hall
6:00 SOCY Training, Rm 10 &
Zoom
7:00 Den Meeting, Rm 11
7:00 Centering Prayer, Zoom

Tues 1

- AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer
4:00 Little LOGS, Rm 10
4:00 LOGOS Geckos
5:00 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

Wed 2

- PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word,
Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm

Thurs 3

- PM 6:00 PSF, Fireside Rm
6:30 Men's Covenant Group,
Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

Fri 4

Chrysalis Fall Retreat

Sat 5

Chrysalis Fall Retreat
Game Day Parking Benefitting
Hekima

Sun 6

World Communion Sunday

- 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
PM 11:30 Deacons' Meeting, Martin
Rm
2:45 Juniper Block Party

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