



Welcome to Worship

September 3, 2023

10:00 am



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	“Take Up Your Cross”	Steve Millikan
Words of Welcome		Deannine Shipman
Introit Hymn No. 613	“O Lord, Our Lord”	
*Call to Worship		Deannine Shipman
Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.		
People: We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises and tell of all your wonderful works.		
Leader: Glory in God’s holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.		
People: Praise the Lord!		
Leader: Let us worship God!		
*Hymn No. 31	“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”	
*Call to Confession		Allison Maus
*Prayer of Confession		Allison Maus
Steadfast and faithful God, you reveal the way of wholeness, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. Forgive us for the harm we have caused, known and unknown. Forgive us for the ways we turn away from you and neighbor. Forgive us and lead us in your way of life. Amen.		
*Assurance of Pardon		Allison Maus
*Passing of the Peace		Allison Maus

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration		Jennifer Creighton
First Scripture Reading	Romans 12:9-21	Jennifer Creighton
Anthem	“Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said?” Pop Up Choir	
Children’s Time		Deannine Shipman
Song After Children’s Time Hymn No. 487, verse 2 “These Treasured Children”		

Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:21-28	John Porter
Sermon		John Porter
Responding to the Word		
*Hymn No. 767	“Together We Serve”	
*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		John Porter
Call to Offering		John Porter
Offertory Anthem	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	J.S. Bach BWV 650
*Doxology Hymn No. 609	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*Prayer of Dedication		Jennifer Creighton
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Allison Maus
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		Allison Maus
<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. 771	“What is the World Like”	
*Charge & Benediction		Allison Maus & John Porter
Postlude	“Partita on Ein Feste Burg: Postludium”	Charles Callahan

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.

Thank you to Heike Burghart Rice for the past five weeks of wonderful music during worship (yes, she was the phantom organist August 6!). We are grateful to her for blowing out the pipes, working the stops, singing along with us and generally, raising the roof!

Ushers this Morning:

Head Usher: Carrie Miller

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Tracy Massaglia, Jillian Rounsville, and Melanie Wassom

Information Desk: Linda Edvar

Greeters this Morning:

Fraser Street: Julie Palmer

Parking Lot: Joe Kockelmans

Coffee Hour:

Host: Reed Miller

Sanctuary Flowers: The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Don & Betty Heebner on the occasion of their anniversary given by their family.



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

The Scouts are offering an organized hike for Sunday, 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.

FISH Fall Retreat

FISH has an exciting **Fall Retreat on September 15th-17th.** It will include a Ropes course, Zipline, Walks, Games, Centering Prayer, singing, and community creation of all kinds. If you have a High School child who would benefit from a loving community, please join us for what should be a special time in God's beautiful creation at Krislund. You can find permission forms at the church office or by contacting Reed Dressler, Director of Youth Ministry (youthministyscpc@gmail.com, 814-238-2422) or Martha Trout, Membership and Program Associate (marthascpc@gmail.com or 238-2422)

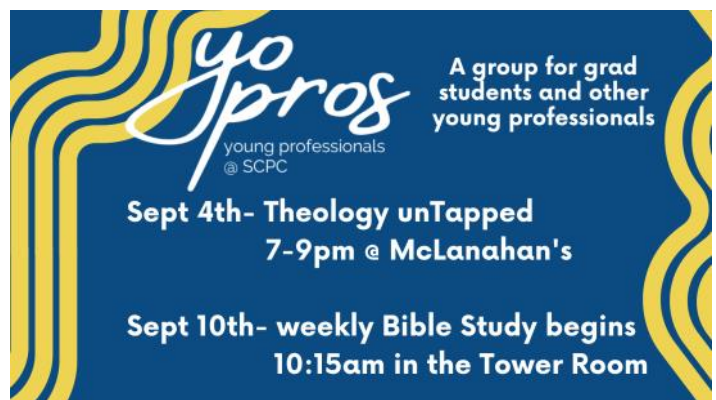
WORSHIP BAGS are available in the sanctuary—and the bags are filled with books/stickers/toys and crayons. Each Sunday they should be put back on the rack for someone to use the following Sunday!

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.

Sunday Membership Opportunity—Next Sunday!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to Pastor John's Office after the worship service September 10th 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).



Food Bank Needs

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

- Condiments
- Ready to Serve Soup
- Tomato Products

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

These Programs will begin on September 10th!

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 6th-12th grade 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.

Sunday, September 3rd

- 9:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **10:00 am Worship Service**
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day

Church Office and Building Closed

- 7:00 pm Theology UnTapped—McLanahans

Tuesday, September 5th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, September 6th

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

Thursday, September 7th

- 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship—Fireside Rm

Friday, September 8th

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Rm

Saturday, September 9th

Game Day Parking benefitting Stay and Play

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

Hearing Assist Devices are available on the back table in the Sanctuary



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.