STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship
January 11, 2026
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: Margaret Van Fossan
Ushers: Marti Sawyer, Mary Ann Sesler, Katie Stone, and Steve Van Hook

Information Desk: Dick Bundy

Liturgist: Brent Ambrose

Sound/Projection: Benton Bickerton

Greeters:
Parking Lot: Nikki Blake
Fraser Street: Linda Edvar

Music: Chancel Choir

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry and Reed Miller

Smile! You're (Maybe) On Camera! Just a friendly heads-up that we are livestreaming/recording our service today; thus, you may end up on our YouTube video. We are so glad you are here to worship with us!

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 "Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan" Dietrich Buxtehude

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: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.
P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!
L: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.
P: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!
L: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.
P: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!
L: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.
P: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

***Hymn** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" No. 320

***Call to Confession**

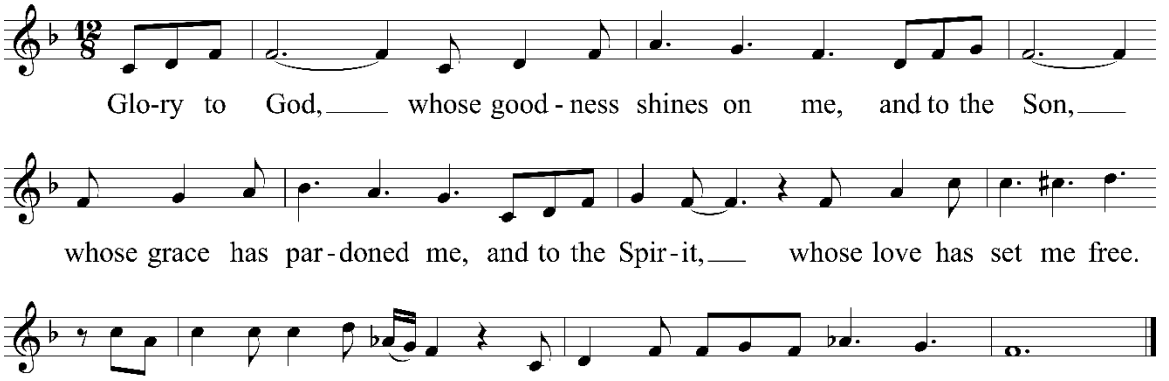
***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**
Creator of all worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity. In the face of natural disasters and cruel inhumanity we doubt that love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit. 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 to Assurance**

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



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Prayer for Inspiration Brent Ambrose

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1–9
Page 584 in the pew Bible

Anthem "On Jordan's Bank" arr. by Michael Connolly
Chancel Choir

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

My.Hymnary #300 - This Little Light of Mine
Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13–17
Page 784 in the pew Bible

L: This is the Word of the Lord, and let all the people say—
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Baptism of the Lord Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 377

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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 "Come to the Water" John B. Foley

***Doxology** Hymn No. 608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The 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** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" No. 408, v. 1

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude "Carillon" Herbert Murrill

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Infant and Child Care is available for children up to age 3 in Room 101.

Children Worship & Song Children who are already age 3 and up through 2nd Graders are welcome to come to the program entitled Children, Worship & Song after the Children's Message in Room 11. There will be stories using the Godly Play method, with biblical figures, and even a desert box and interactive storytelling. At 10:30 am, the Sunday morning Pathways' teachers will come and get the children for Exploration Hour.

Are you Interested in becoming a Member?

Do you want to learn more about SCPC? Interested in becoming a member? Please reach out to the church office (officescpc@gmail.com) or 814-238-2422 to let us know, and we will be happy to share more about who we are, what we do, and how to become a member.

During Adult Education in Westminster Hall this Sunday, Jenny Van Hook reflects on the times and places immigration has become source of division for our society. In his letter to Galatians, Paul wrote that we are all one in Christ Jesus. In a nation of immigrants from a diversity of backgrounds, what factors help us see what we have in common?

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 25 at 10:30 am

All members are encouraged to stay after worship on Sunday, January 25, for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the sanctuary to hear about the past year's activities and plans for the future.

The program staff's reports, as well as those from the Ministry Units and Committees, will be received, and the 2026 budget will be presented. Printed Annual Reports will be available on the back table that day.

There will be no Adult Education that Sunday, so all may attend the Annual Meeting and then attend a celebration for Reed Dressler in the Social Hall.

OUT OF THE COLD
CENTRE COUNTY

We are hosting OOTC
at their place @ 318 S. Atherton St.

January 26— February 1

Your help is needed

mains • sides • drinks
servers • breakfasts • visitors

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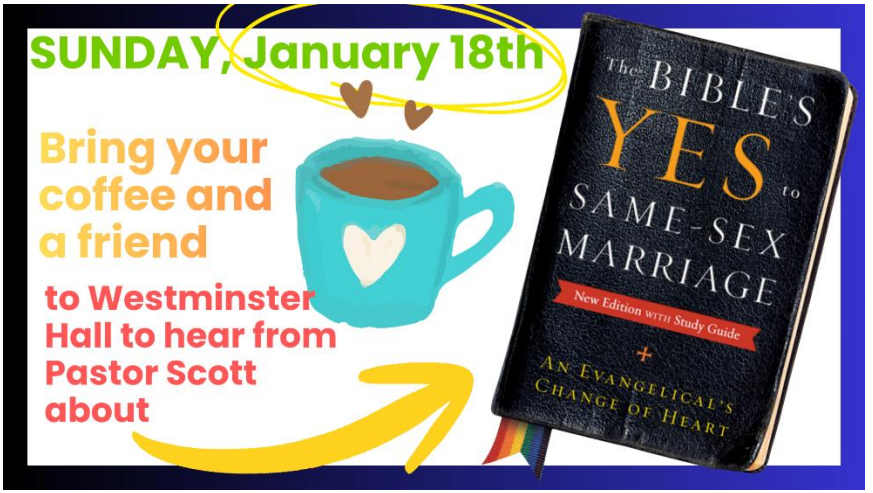

Staff & Leadership

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

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 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.

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Calendar

Sun 11
AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm 11
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Deacons' Meeting, Martin Rm
PM 1:30 YoPro Games, Fireside Rm

Mon 12
PM 6:00 Scouts' Den Meeting, Room 10 & 11
6:00 Scouts' Troop Meeting, Westminster Hall
6:15 Welcome Statement Dinner and Conversation, Social Hall
6:30 Stay and Play Advisory Team, Zoom
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer, Zoom
7:00 Men's Bible Study, Fireside

Tues 13
AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting, Zoom
4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS Geckos
5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:30 Handbell Choir

Wed 14
PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word, Zoom/Fireside Rm
3:00 1946 Documentary Viewing and Discussion, Westminster Hall
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
6:30 Orpheus Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm
7:00 1946 Documentary Viewing and Discussion, Westminster Hall

Thurs 15
PM 4:00 Finance Meeting, Martin Rm
6:00 Worship Committee Meeting, Rm 10
6:30 Men's Covenant Group, Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 APNC Meeting, Rm 10

Fri 16
February – April PresbyPost Deadline

Sat 17
PSF Winter Retreat at Krislund

Sun 18
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AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm 11
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Session Meeting

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Isaiah 42:1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,[a]
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved,[a] with whom I am well pleased.”

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
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377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1–2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
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HOUSTON
10.7.10.8 with refrain

GATHERING

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962
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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11 with refrain