STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Belonging in love.
Growing in faith.
Serving with purpose.

Welcome to Worship
November 1, 2026
9:30 am

State College Presbyterian Church is called to be an inclusive and intergenerational community that nurtures belonging, serves with love, and lives out God's transforming work.

Serving this Morning

Ushers: Head Usher: Natalie Hernandez
Ushers: Chip Clark, Greg Giles, Mary Ann Sesler, and Katie Stone

Information Desk: Ann Wheeler

Sound/Projection/Camera: Scott Thompson and Steve Van Hook

Greeters: Fraser Street: Nikki Blake
Parking Lot: Zack Maser

Music: Chancel Choir, Ned Wetherald, and Mackenzie Gentz

Liturgist: Terrance Green

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry, Terri Thompson, and Meg Moose

The sanctuary flowers are given by Linda Edvar in loving memory of Torsten E.A. Edvar on the 21st anniversary of his passing.

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, citizenship status, age, sex/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 "Six Studies in English Folk-song" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Mackenzie Gentz, English horn

During this time, the congregation is invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Tables with candles are located at the front and back of the sanctuary so that you may go to the table closest to you. Also, you have the opportunity to hang a photo to remind us in a tangible way of how we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Scott Hoffman

Minute for Generosity Scott Sesler

***Passing of the Peace** (L: Leader; **P: People**)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

***Call to Worship**
L: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
P: happy are those who take refuge in God.
L: With hearts and hands and voices,
P: let us praise the Lord.
L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn** "For All the Saints" No. 326

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. 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** Hymn No. 643, v. 3

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer for Inspiration Terrance Green

First Scripture Reading Psalm 34: 1–10, 22
Page 441 in the Pew Bible

Anthem "O Sacrum Convivium" Thomas Pavlechko
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 Hymn No. 487, v.2

Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1–12

Page 785 in the Pew Bible

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

Sermon Blessed Are Rev. Scott Hoffman

Prayer of Remembrance

These dear friends have moved from the church militant to the church triumphant since we last called this roll:

Dot and Dave Colton	Bernie Kitt
Catherine Greenham	John Frantz
Grove Spearly, Jr.	Dick Wolf
Carole Cook	Nancy Funk
Barbara Dreese	Guy Thompson
Phil Dougherty	Bob Sutterlin
Joetta Moltmann	Judy Swisher
Herb McKinstry	Jackie Struble

Other Friends of SCPC that we lost in the last year: Al Ferguson, Janet Meckley, Robert Burghart, Barbara Douty, Katherine Leicht, Robyn Bryant, Sandy Hackerford, WD Amick, Paul Rutherford, Bob Brand, Darlene Depto, Ronald Rearick, David Langworthy, Duncan Richardson, Connie Green, Connie Bryan, Dr. Derwood L. Stetson, James Wilson, Donald Fultz, Susan Plitt, and Dolores Knept

***Hymn** "Take My Life" No. 697

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 "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Joel Raney

Ned Wetherald, piano & Heike Burghart Rice, organ

***Doxology** "Give Thanks" Hymn No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table
Instructions
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread
Pouring of the Cup
Communion Music "Taste and See" Hymn No. 520
Prayer following communion

***Hymn** "Shall We Gather at the River" No. 375

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude "Saints Day" Postlude Lorraine Forsdick

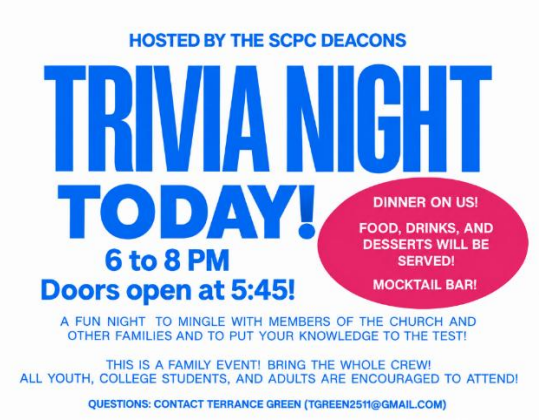
Announcements and Upcoming Events

First-Time Visitor!

Is this your first time visiting SCPC? We're so glad you're here! After worship today, please stop by one of the doors to meet a church member—and get "***mugged***" with an SCPC mug filled with goodies. If you'd like more information about our church, feel free to reach out to us at officescpc@gmail.com or complete our Welcome Card located in the pew or online by scanning the QR Code.

Come Ring the Bell!

To sign up your child or youth to ring the bell, please use the QR Code to sign up. A reminder will be sent the day before your scheduled date. On the Sunday your child or youth is scheduled to ring the bell, families should meet Todd, our Building Manager, on the balcony near the Tower Room at **9:20 am.**



Congratulations to Our December Graduates!

Are you or someone in your family graduating this December with a bachelor's degree or advanced degree? We would love to celebrate and recognize their accomplishments! Please submit the graduate's name, school, degree, and a photo to Laura Green in the church office by November 22.

Adult Education

TODAY

10:30 AM | WESTMINSTER HALL

Strategic Implementation Team Update

Join us as the Strategic Implementation Team shares a summary of their work over the past year, highlights key accomplishments, and presents recommendations for future action.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARKING VOUCHERS TODAY!

If you park in the Beaver Avenue parking garage on Sunday you can stop by the information desk or the Fraser Street Entrance to pick up a voucher for up to 3 hours of free parking.

250th Anniversary of the United States 2026

Resources from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Social Witness Policy

Drop boxes for Centre County mail ballots close at 9:00AM the morning of MONDAY, November 2

Polling places are open for in-person voting 7AM-8pm on TUESDAY, November 3

SCPC 2027 Generosity Campaign!
"Generosity is what God wants *for* us, not *from* us"

Thank you to all the members and friends of SCPC for your generous financial support of State College Presbyterian Church (SCPC) over the past year. Your faithful giving has equipped us to share the Good News of the gospel in myriad ways to countless people!

Now, as we plan for the year ahead, we hope you'll join our Session and Deacons in making a financial commitment to SCPC for 2027. Estimate of Giving Cards were mailed out last week! You can use those to submit your commitment, or you can use the QR code below or go online to 2027 Estimate of Giving Form – State College Presbyterian Church in order to fill out the secure virtual Estimate of Giving card. If you did not receive a letter and Estimate of Giving card in the mail and would like one, please reach out to the church office (officescpc@gmail.com)

Also, please plan to join us for worship on Sunday, November 15th for Thanks(and)Giving Sunday—the day we will dedicate our commitments to the work of the church for 2027. There will be an opportunity during worship that Sunday for you to bring your Estimate of Giving Card (or an alternative for those who already submitted one) forward as a show of your generous support of our ministries.

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation!
Senior Pastor: The Rev. Scott Hoffman
Director of Music Ministry: Heike Burghart Rice
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
Childcare Coordinator: Jen Rote

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 25
All Saint's Day
Communion Sunday
AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship, and Song, Rm 11
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Deacons' Meeting, Martin Rm
PM 4:00 Candlelight Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm
6:00 Deacons' Trivia Night, Social Hall

Mon 2
PM 12:30 Stay and Play Staff Meeting, Social Hall
1:30 Stay and Play Advisory Team Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Theology unTapped, Sakura on South Atherton
7:00 Scout Troop Meeting, Westminster Hall
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer, Zoom

Tues 3
AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting, Zoom
4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS GECKOS
4:15 Chrysalis Cocoon Time, Sanctuary
5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:15 Personnel Committee Meeting, Rm 10
7:30 Handbell Choir, Choir Rm

Wed 4
PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word, Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:30 Orpheus Rehearsal, Choir Rm

Thurs 5
PM 5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm & CAYAM Corner
6:30 Men's Covenant Group, Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm

Sun 8
LOGOS sing in Worship
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
PM 6:30 Sacred Pause, Westminster Hall

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Psalm 34: 1–10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Matthew 5:1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE CHURCH

326 For All the Saints

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

Take My Life 697

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
7.7.7.7

375 Shall We Gather at the River

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE
8.7.8.7 with refrain