



# Welcome to Worship

April 28, 2024  
9:00 am

## Gathering Around the Word

\* The congregation is invited to rise.

### Prelude

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”  
Zack Maser

Keith Green

### Invitation to Attentiveness

Allison Maus

### Moment of Mindful Reflection

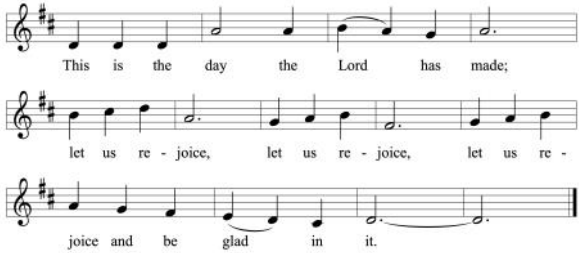
### Introit

“This is the Day”

Anne Krentz Organ

The choir sings the verses, the congregation joins in the refrains.

Refrain



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### \*Call to Worship

Deannine Shipman

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

**People: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**People: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

### \*Hymn No. 32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you—

**People: and also with you.**

## Recognition of Graduates

### Hearing the Word

Preparing for the Word Hymn No. 631, v. 1 “In the Presence of Your People”

Prayer for Inspiration

Roger Garthwaite

First Scripture Reading

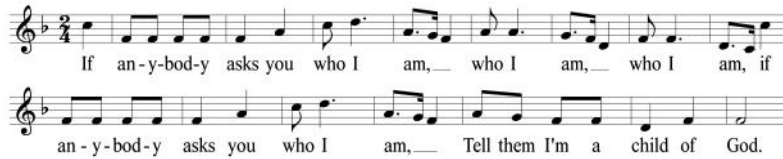
Psalms 22:25-31

Children’s Time

Song after Children’s Time

“Child of God”

Folksong



Second Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord and let all the people say—

People: Thanks be to God .

Sermon

“What Is Love?”

Scott Hoffman

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn No. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Announcements

Reed Dressler

Call to Offering

Please place your written reflections in the offering plate.

Offertory Anthem

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Chancel Choir

David Angerman  
and Douglas Nolan

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Communion** \*Please note: all communion wafers are gluten free

Invitation to the Table

Breaking of the Bread

Instructions

Pouring of the Cup

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Communion Music “Abide with Me” arr. William Bolcom

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 205 “Ubi caritas”

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Prayer following communion

**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.**

\*Hymn No. 300, v, 1-3

“We Are One in the Spirit”

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“I Will Follow”

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,  
and Reuben Morgan

### Ushers this Morning

Head Usher: Katie Stone

Ushers: Sharon Ambrose, Bruce Grinder, Brian Stone, and Becky Thomas

### Coffee Hour

Host: Jamey Perry

Assisting: Katherine Allen and Richard Page

### Greeters this Morning

Fraser Street: Mary Hartzell

Parking Lot: Rick Bryant

**Information Desk** Tom Wheeler

The rose on the altar table is in honor of the birth of Frederick Zabik, the son of Sandra and Duncan Zabik and little brother to Greyson.

## Plans for children and families today

All children who go to Children, Worship, and Song should be picked up from their parents/guardians at the end of worship on today.

Everyone, of all ages, is invited to go to the Social Hall and join in for refreshments, and Connecting Conversations.

Folks will be invited in small groups to take part in the specific steps of bucket packing in Westminster Hall, and then return to coffee hour for more conversations and snacks. Everyone will get a chance to help with the packing of the disaster buckets!

Our hope is that lots of you with children will attend. As a reminder, when children are not with any of our volunteer teachers, they must be with their parents at all times.

## Study Space

Students, we've made space for you to study for your finals, equipped with snacks, tables to spread out, comfortable couches for breaks, and some motivational energy! If you need a place to memorize, review, write, and focus we hope you'll make yourself comfortable in the Fireside Room. Study Space is open today noon-9pm, Monday and Tuesday 9am-9pm, and Wednesday 9am-5pm.

## Sunday Morning Childcare Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers/paid staff immediately for Sunday morning childcare during the worship hour and education hour throughout the rest of May (beginning May 12th) and through the summer for the worship hour (will switch to 10 am on Memorial Day weekend)

Clearances are needed, but we can help you get them!

Email Deannine Shipman at [deanninescpc@gmail.com](mailto:deanninescpc@gmail.com)

## Krislund Summer Camp

Krislund is having an open house for their Day Camp and Residential Camps this summer today (April 28th) from 2pm to 4pm. Krislund is located at 189 Krislund Drive, Madisonburg, PA 16852.

**Explore invites everyone** to the Social Hall during coffee hour **TODAY** for **Connecting Conversations** — a series of small conversations where you and a partner will be guided on what to ask each other, and get to share things you like to talk about. This service project is aimed at tackling the epidemic of loneliness. This time will not only help us connect closer as a congregation but also give us invaluable skills to go into the world and share the love of Christ.

## Parking Vouchers for 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 will be at the desk for 15 minutes before and after the worship service.

## Family Fellowship Lunch— May 12th

Join us for a family style lunch on May 12th from 11:15-12:15pm in the Social Hall. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join. The goal of these lunches is to create opportunities for families at all stages of life to gather, connect, and share a meal together. Pizza and beverages will be provided. A jar will be available if you'd like make a donation to help cover costs. (Feel free to contact us or bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions). Please RSVP by the Thursday before by texting Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).

**Centre  
gives**

May 8 & 9  
[CentreGives.org](http://CentreGives.org)

- Your generosity allows SCPC to support many extraordinary local agencies.
- Donations can have a bigger impact during Centre Gives, so SJMT makes mid-year donations on these dates.
- Anyone may go to [CentreGives.org](http://CentreGives.org) on Wednesday and Thursday. Check the organizations you want to support from a long list of good choices — including SCPC's own Stay and Play!

## Sunday, April 28th

### **Storm Bucket Assembly Sunday**

### **Communion Sunday**

### **College-Post Graduate Recognition**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship, & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Connecting Conversations—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Storm Bucket Assembly—Westminster Hall
- 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm

## Monday, April 29th

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop Meeting—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

## Tuesday, April 30th

- 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

## Wednesday, May 1st

- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Rm
- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Zoom/Rm 10
- 6:00 pm FISH

## Thursday, May 2nd

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Rm

## Friday, May 3rd

8th Grade Mission Trip

## Saturday, May 4th

8th Grade Mission Trip

## Sunday, May 5th

8th Grade Mission Trip

### **Volunteer Recognition**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Rm 102
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- 9:30 am Children, Worship, & Song—Rm 11
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour—Social Hall
- 10:00 am Pathways—Rm 209 & 210
- 10:15 am Adult Education—Westminster Hall
- 10:15 am Connect—Rm 10
- 10:15 am Oasis—Fireside Rm
- 11:00 am Deacons' Meeting—Martin Rm

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is 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.

***Please come to room 11 after worship to get your children to attending Connecting Conversations and help fill storm buckets.***

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.



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

